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COMMENT OF THE DAY

China Trade

BOUND by restrictions, hamstrung by regulations, prohibitions, embargoes and restraints of many kinds, Hongkong businessmen could be forgiven for succumbing to long-term pessimism, for feeling that the unequal struggle of trying to maintain trade with China was not worth continuing. But the remarkable fact is that despite these vicissitudes the feeling is rather one of restrained optimism that the restrictions will not remain in force much longer. Last week a Cabinet Minister and a Labour MP emphasised the persecuted state of the foreign trader and manufacturer in the China area; in the case of foreign firms still operating on the mainland, to be bled slowly to death by the grasping, predatory tax masters of Communist China, and in the case of the merchant, to be confined to trading within the narrow limits of a hopelessly outdated embargo on the export of strategic goods. As if the embargo were not enough, the trader is caught in the middle of an economic boycott of the China mainland, part of a policy of complete ostracism of the Peking regime by the United States Government. Because Hongkong is suspected and mistrusted, because America's isolation of China must be so complete, a form of embargo has been placed on trade with Hongkong as well, and our import and export trade with America in recent years has fallen away appreciably. Washington has even gone further than this.

WHEN Mr Harold Wilson accused her last week of exercising a "panoply of economic warfare controls" against a number of Hongkong firms (which are trading with the mainland with the support of the British Government), he was assured of echoes of approval and agreement from many in the Colony. He would have done us a greater service by avoiding sensational and extravagant (though not entirely untrue) charges concerning the activities of the U.S. Consulate here. It was his reference to "hordes" of consular officials sent to Hongkong "to spy" on British trade that brought a prompt denial from Sir Alexander Grantham. But the fact that the Americans possess apparently complete, accurate and up-to-date details of the activities of Hongkong businessmen suggests that they have been fairly thorough in their inquiries. The word "spying" however, suggests that the Americans used underhand and dishonest methods to gather their information which is not true. But Mr Wilson's comments on America's attempted coercion of British firms cannot be denied. Firms have been designated, their funds in U.S.A. have been blocked and the U.S. authorities have attempted to apply economic pressures against them. And the only sin that they committed in the American eyes was to trade with Communist China, the legitimacy of that trade being entirely irrelevant.

WASHINGTON'S denials are not convincing. One spokesman said Consular officials may have made friendly approaches to local businessmen to explain the operation of American laws and how they affected their business. This may be true in some cases but certainly not in all. In some instances, not only have firms been designated without any reason being given for this action but in the case of one firm its clients in Hongkong have been warned not to trade with the company under pain of being designated themselves. The American action is undoubtedly part and parcel of the policy which aims at a complete economic boycott of Communist China. That law may be accepted by the Americans but where it affects the trade of foreign countries it amounts to gross [illegible]

Western Ministers Hold 2-hour Talks On Political Crisis

Paris, Oct. 24.

The Big Three Foreign Ministers held an urgent two-hour conference on the worsening political crisis in Vietnam today, it was reliably learned.

After placing their signatures on the treaty inviting West Germany to enter the North Atlantic Alliance, Mr John Foster Dulles, Sir Anthony Eden and M. Pierre Mendes-France went to the U.S. Embassy for talks on Southern Vietnam.

Mr Harold Stassen, U.S. Foreign Operations Administrator, now in Paris on a tour of FOA establishments in Europe, joined the Foreign Ministers.

The Ministers were reported to be deeply concerned over reports from Saigon, where a long-drawn-out government crisis has so weakened the Government of Premier Ngo Dinh Diem that it has been unable to combat Communist propaganda.

It was a high-level review of the Franco-American Indo-Chinese talks recently held in Washington. France had asked the United States for $25,000,000 of military aid for her Army in Indo-China, it was learned, and the United States has not yet agreed.

U.S. CONDITIONS

The two sides are agreed that a stable South Vietnam government, representative of all sectors of public opinion, must be established if the Southern part of the country is to be saved from Communism.

The United States will insist before giving further aid, that effective steps be taken to increase political stability in Saigon, it was said.

Mr Stassen who, as FOA chief, is charged with U.S. expenditure in foreign countries, was called in to discuss financial aspects, a source said.—United Press.

250 Dockers Return To Work In Hull

London, Oct. 25.

Two hundred and fifty dockers in Hull last night agreed to go back to work today to unload three grain ships.

About 2,450 men are still on strike in Hull.

Apart from this there was no change in the strike situation.

Last night the Transport and General Workers Union—Britain's largest union—appealed to the country's strikers to return to work. The appeal, contained in a resolution passed by the union's executive committee at a meeting this morning, dubbed the strike, now entering its fourth week, as unjustifiable and deplorable.

The Transport and General Workers Union has disapproved the strike since it started three weeks ago yesterday. Although a majority of the dockers belong to it and have spurned its directives, the smaller stevedores union has supported the strike.

BARRETT'S WARNING

Earlier Mr Dick Barrett, Secretary of the 7,000 strong National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers Union — which has officially recognised the strike—declared: "We shall fight on to the finish."

Mr Barrett said the strikers were the spearhead of the working class movement. They were not part of a Communist plot. He added that if the Labour Party wanted to be returned to Westminster as a Government, they should come out openly in support of the dockers.

Mr Barrett added: "This will not end as easily as everyone thinks.

"The railwaymen will be on the move, the miners will be coming to support you and, before long, if they bring the troops—which will be a very stupid thing—they will show once and for all how they are going to get your nose to the grindstone, and how they are going to make you compete with your German friends and the Japanese workers."—Reuter & Franco-Presse.

15 Injured By Bomb

Rabat, Oct. 24.

Fifteen people were injured—one of them seriously—when a home-made bomb was thrown today at a group of Moroccan dancers near a race track in the Rabat area. A grocer discovered another bomb under his store counter in the same vicinity.—France-Presse.

Top Mau Mau Leader Captured

Nairobi, Oct. 24.

A Mau Mau terrorist leader, self-styled Field Marshal Kaleba, was captured this morning hiding in a cave on the south-west slopes of Mount Kenya.

Kaleba, who is half Kikuyu and half Somali, has been a top fighting General of the Mau Mau terrorist organisation in recent months.

He was one of the chief lieutenants of the notorious "General China" — Waruhui Itote—and took over command of the terrorist forces for the whole of Mount Kenya when "China" was captured last January.

Police and troops of the 23rd King's African Rifles seized Kaleba after being tipped off by an informer.

He was found with three other [illegible]

BEA Viscount Makes Crashlanding

Rome, Oct. 24.

Thirty-three passengers and four members of the crew escaped injury tonight when a British European Airways Viscount plane damaged two engines while crashlanding at Rome airport.

The turbo-prop plane, bound for Istanbul from London, crashed after circling for two hours to use up the fuel.

It had left Ciampino airport for Athens when the pilot, Captain Wilson, discovered the undercarriage would not retract and asked permission to make an emergency landing.

All aboard received only a shaking though the aircraft was seriously damaged.—Reuter.

Fierce Gales Sweep British Isles

London, Oct. 24.

Fierce gales and torrential overnight rain brought floods to many villages and towns in England and Wales today.

London had half an inch of rain during the night.

Mountainous districts in Wales were the worst hit areas. Forty-eight hours of continuous rain caused a landslide on the main London-Holyhead road, near Carnarvon. Hundreds of tons of boulders fell from the hilltops.

Dynamite may be needed to clear the blocked road.

ROADS FLOODED

In Cumberland, many village roads were flooded.

Today, gale-lashed seas pounded the Sussex coast.

In Sussex a high wind blew a 10-ton British Army lorry off the road as it was climbing a steep hill near here today.

It dropped 18 feet into a sand quarry landing upside down and injuring its two occupants.—China Mail Special.

Portugal's Warning Of Dangerous Situation In India

Paris, Oct. 24.

The Foreign Minister of Portugal, Senhor Paulo Cunha, said today that Indian pressure on Portuguese enclaves in India were causing a permanent state of tension and "maintaining a dangerous situation" for the peace of Asia.

He said some of the territories were now subjected to virtual occupation by armed bands backed by India.

He said that India, having failed in its immediate objectives toward Portuguese Goa, was now concentrating on the isolation of Dadra and Nagar Aveli. The two communities have been virtually cut off from outside contact with Portuguese authorities and virtually occupied by armed terrorist bands, Senhor Cunha said.

India had refused to authorise the passage of Portuguese police reinforcements to the territories in the State of Bombay and even declined to allow a civilian mission through to establish contact with the enclaves.

Senhor Cunha said India also ignored a Portuguese proposal to allow a neutral mission to enter the enclaves.

"This is de facto occupation and usurpation by bands who have forced their way in and have the backing of the Indian authorities," said Senhor Cunha. "All this is in contradiction with the fundamental principles of international law."

SHIFTED FROM GOA

Although India's attention appeared for the moment to have shifted from Goa after the failure of Indian policy there this summer, Senhor Cunha continued, the enclave was still practically cut off from the hinterland and all supplies must be brought in from the sea.

He said diplomatic exchanges with India had not yet produced any results but Portugal was "ready to search for a satisfactory solution with all available international means."

"The problem remains unresolved," said Senhor Cunha. "International law has been violated and these violations have not yet been remedied. But there is a fundamental need to find a remedy for such a situation where the Indian Union has taken a position in complete contradiction to the principles of international policy which it pronounces to the world every day."

Senhor Cunha said the Indian Government had persistently cold-shouldered Portugal's offer of immediate discussion of their dispute. Despite this, he added, Portugal maintained its offer to negotiate a reasonable and just solution to problems arising from the proximity of their territories.

SUPPORT FOR PORTUGAL

Senhor Cunha, who conferred with the Foreign Ministers of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation during his stay in Paris, said he would return to Lisbon with the conviction that world public opinion supported Portugal in her struggle for the integrity of her possessions on the Indian sub-continent.

Senhor Cunha made it clear during the interview that, while Portugal earnestly strove for good relations with the Indian Union, the question of sovereignty over the territories was "not a matter for discussion."

"A permanent state of tension is being kept up against these territories and there is no knowing what may happen tomorrow," he said. "World public attention should remain alert, without it is worse things might happen. We have been victims of aggression in the classic form of attack by armed bands.

"The unshakeable determination of the Portuguese government for total defence and vigorous reaction from our nation has not gone unnoticed. The world, however, continues to be confronted by the threat of a potential clash in the Far East as a result of the pressure exerted against our territories there."—United Press.

Trixie R.N. Arrives Home

Wearing her specially made red jacket with Korea and United Nations medals is Trixie R.N., who was aboard the British destroyer H.M.S. Constance which arrived home after eight years' foreign service. "Trixie" was taken aboard the vessel as a mascot—a stray, starving puppy in Japan two years ago. A collection among the crew produced more than twice the £25 needed to pay for her six months' quarantine in Britain. Trixie's shipmates will visit her in turn for as long as service duties permit.—Express Service.

Dr Adenauer To Visit U.S.

Bonn, Oct. 24.

The Federal Chancellor Dr Konrad Adenauer will take off this morning on his visit to the United States and will stop for five hours in Reykjavik on an official visit to the Government of Iceland, it was announced here tonight.

Dr Adenauer will travel with a few of his closest assistants and is expected to reach Washington on Wednesday morning.—France-Presse.

Murderer Sang His Confession To Police

Jackson, Tennessee, Oct. 24.

A man confessed to the murder of his married girl friend and then sang mournfully to police to the strains of a hillbilly ballad how she "mistreated the guy who played the game of life fair," authorities said today.

Jimmy Sloan, 46, a former pool hall proprietor, admitted shooting Mrs Gracie Stewart, 43, mother of two grown-up sons, outside a cafe in Jackson yesterday.

"I loved that woman more than life," he told Police. "I spent more than $4,000 on her and I always treated her right. I did it and I'll probably get the electric chair, but I can't help it. I had to."

Later Sloan added to his confession these lyrics of a hillbilly ballad: "I loved you, darling, but you mistreated the guy who played the game of life fair."—United Press.

One Killed, 20 Injured

Crack Express Train In Head-on Crash

New York, Oct. 24.

The Montreal to New York passenger train Laurentian smashed head-on into a freight train on a stretch of single track along the shores of Lake Champlain today, killing one person and injuring 20 others.

The south-bound train struck the 50-car north-bound freight near Port Henry, tearing up 200 feet of track and hurling cars crazily over the tracks.

Witnesses said the freight cars "splintered into matchsticks" and throw their loads over the wreckage.

The Laurentian's engine and several cars tumbled into the swamp lying on both sides of the track. Most of the passengers were unhurt. A brakeman died on the way to Moses Liddington Hospital.

The accident occurred on a single track running along the lake. The police believe a jammed switch was responsible for the two trains being on the same track.

Ambulances and fire trucks from nearby towns in the Ticonderoga area rushed to the scene.

Road crews worked to re-open the tracks before morning.—United Press.

SHIP DISABLED IN HEAVY SEAS

London, Oct. 25.

Messages received by Lloyds Shipping Agency early today told of the fight to save the 340-ton German ship, Klaus Wilhelm, disabled in heavy weather in the North Sea.

The ship reported last night that her engine had failed near the ship wash sands off Orford Ness, in Suffolk, eastern England.

Lloyds stated that the 1,573-ton tanker, British Scout, had reached the ship, but the weather was too bad to take her in tow.

The 419-ton British ship Durward, was 10 miles from the Klaus Wilhelm and steaming to her assistance.

A Belgian fishing boat had got alongside the German ship, Lloyds said.—Reuter.

The Italian frighter Santa Elisabetta went aground on the Virginia Capes yesterday as it sailed for the port of Baltimore.

Norfolk officials said the commercial tug, Brant, was sent to the scene, about seven miles east of Cape Charles lighthouse, at noon. Another tug left New York for the grounded vessel.

The Coast Guard cutter Cherokee and a patrol boat were ordered to stand by to assist the tugs.

The Santa Elisabetta, was built in 1943 by the New England Ship Building Corporation in Portland, Maine. It sails under the Italian flag from Genoa.—United Press.

Russia's One New Proposal

London, Oct. 24.

British diplomatic circles said tonight the only new proposition in the latest Soviet note on European security appeared to [illegible] the date suggested for a Four-Power Conference.

The Soviet communication, handed to the Big Three Western Powers yesterday, proposed a conference in Germany, Austria and European "security" for November.

The same circles said the note [illegible]

Mercy Ship Picks Up Sick Fisherman

London, Oct. 24.

The British ship Pincher sailed from the Faroe Islands today carrying a sick British fisherman to Scotland for medical attention, it was announced tonight.

A Royal Air Force Sunderland flying boat crashed yesterday killing four of its crew in an attempt to land on Transdevaad Fiord and take the fisherman off.

The sick fisherman, Edwin Owen, 24-year-old stoker from the Hull trawler, Kingston Amber, is feared to have a brain tumour.

The Pincher also brought away six survivors from the crashed Sunderland. [illegible]

The dead man was Flight-Sergeant Davies, only one of the four dead to be found after their plane crashed while arriving to pick up the sick British sailor from the remote Faroe Islands to a mainland hospital.

The other three dead are still [illegible] in the overturned fuselage under 15 fathoms of water in Transdevaad Fiord.

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Communist Union Leader Dead

London, Oct. 24.

Mr Walter Stevens, Communist General Secretary of the Electrical Trades Union, died in hospital here today. [illegible]

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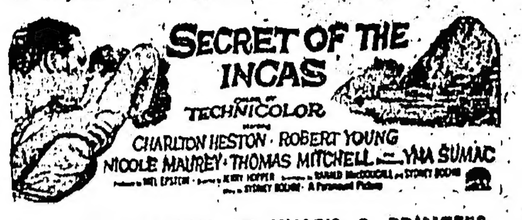

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Seventeen-year-old Monique Lambert, a Paris student widely fancied to win the "Miss World" Beauty Contest in London last week, but who failed even to place. The title was won by Miss Egypt.—Central Press Photo.

Italian Government Prepares For Showdown

NO POSSIBLE CONCILIATION WITH REDS

Rome, Oct. 24.

Italy's pro-American Government prepared today for a showdown with the powerful Italian Communist Party after a week of skirmishing marked by a free for all fist fight in Parliament.

The same Parliamentary session gave Premier Mario Scelba his fourth straight vote of confidence on such issues of foreign policy as the Trieste settlement and the new Western European Union.

Various successes of the Western nations in the diplomatic field also added to the Government's strength in domestic affairs.

Giuseppe Tongi, former Christian Democrat Cabinet Minister, sounded the call for an attack on the Communists in notoriously Communistic Bologna today. It was he who founded the Communists into violence last week, charging among other things that they harboured Fascist spies within their ranks.

"The era of compromise between us and the Communists is finished," he said. "There is no possibility of conciliation."

His words carried a threat that the Government Parties would force into the open the status of Socialist, Communist and fellow travelling Senators and Deputies who have been saved from arrest only by their Parliamentary immunity.

PARTY'S LIST

A Republican Party publication listed 11 Communist and Socialist Senators and 55 Deputies against whom, it said, the authorisation to initiate legal proceedings had been requested.

The charges ranged from slander of the Government and the armed forces to offences against the prestige of the Pope and complicity in murder.

Several moves have been made in Parliament to lift the immunity of the Leftist members. Informants said the Government's line of attack in the showdown would be mapped at the next Cabinet session.—United Press.

SOUTH POLE MAY BE RED ATOMIC TESTING GROUND

New York, Oct. 24.

Highest Government circles in the U.S. are "seriously" entertaining the theory that the Soviet Union has been using the South Pole region as an atomic "shooting gallery" as a test ground for both nuclear weapons and guided missiles, according to Fortune Magazine.

In its November issue released today, Fortune said the U.S. naval expedition to Antarctica next month "can be regarded as the beginning of the biggest sleuthing job, in terms of space and time, ever undertaken."

Above and beyond the purely scientific reasons advanced for the U.S. expedition, there are "two more compelling considerations" in the thinking of top U.S. security organisations, Fortune said.

One is to keep U.S. rights alive in a region potentially rich in natural resources, including oil and uranium. The second is "immediate and strategic — to find out what the Russians are up to on and around the South Polar continent," Fortune said.

TWO REASONS

Fortune advanced two reasons for U.S. suspicion that the Soviet may be using Antarctica as a test ground. It said:

"That suspicion is based first, upon the unusual and unprecedented interest exhibited by the Soviet Union since the end of the war and, second, upon the unrivalled conditions presented by that region for the secret testing of mass-destruction weapons."

Antarctica is the only region on the entire globe where the heaviest megaton thermonuclear and the longest-range ballistic weapons could be tested with no danger to human life, and "with practically no risk of detection," Fortune said.

But, it added, whether the Russians have actually used the Antarctic for testing nuclear weapons or guided missiles is "highly speculative."

"What is indisputable," Fortune observed, "is that the Russians are taking a lively interest in a region they had ignored for over a century."

"Last summer U.S. authorities decided that in their preoccupation with the Iron Curtain and Bamboo Curtain they might be overlooking the existence of an Ice Curtain far from the traditional arenas of military intelligence."

EIGHT VOYAGES

While known facts of Soviet activity in the Antarctic are meagre, Fortune said that a 15,000-ton whaler ship, the Slava, has made eight successive voyages to the Antarctic from the Black Sea. Since the [illegible] the Slava and the [illegible] The movements of this [illegible] are closely [illegible] the [illegible] and generally keeps clear of the rest of the international whaling fleet — Norwegian, British, Japanese, Argentine and Dutch, Fortune said.

"There is evidence," it declared, "that she is refuelled in Antarctic waters by Soviet tankers to which she transfers the oil extracted from the catch."

While Slava by herself would not be able, according to Fortune, to mount the necessary and complicated atomic tests, the possibility has been recognised by the National Security Council of the U.S. that one or two Soviet vessels, equipped with aircraft and operating under radio silence, could have participated with the Slava and then scattered "with nobody the wiser."

ARCTIC POWER

Fortune said the Soviet Union is already the world's ranking Arctic power with highly trained groups of technicians.

It added: "The functioning of radio communications in the Arctic, and especially of radar warning may well be affected by magnetic conditions generated over the South Polar icecap. The possibility that the Russians, with their massive headstart in large-scale Polar research, may be exploring these and other physical phenomena in the Antarctic, with a view to their eventual military applications, further explains the American decision to have a good look around that part of the globe."—United Press.

NARRIMAN RECOVERING

Lausanne, Oct. 24.

Ex-Queen Narriman of Egypt, who had an operation for a glandular complaint on Friday, was said today to be in a "satisfactory condition."

She is a patient in a clinic run by a Swiss gynaecologist. Her mother, Madame Assila Sadek, who collapsed with a heart attack, just before the operation, is also recovering in the same clinic.

Narriman, who is 21 next week, divorced ex-King Farouk last year. She is now married to Dr Adham El Bakib. She arrived in Lausanne from Cairo on October 18.—Reuter.

Pacific Adventurer Home

New York, Oct. 24.

Mr William Willis, 61-year-old adventurer, arrived home today after sailing alone aboard a tiny raft across 6,000 miles of the Pacific.

Mr Willis, arriving aboard an American Airlines plane at Idlewild airport, was met by his wife Tess and the Bronx Borough President, Mr James Lyons, who said he would nominate Mr Willis as "the citizen of the year."

Weather-beaten Mr Willis gave his wife an affectionate greeting. He told newsmen that she had been "wonderful and brave" about his trip.

Mr Willis was accompanied by his pet cat Meekie, who made the long voyage with him. A parrot which set out on the journey with him was absent. The cat ate it.

WRITE BOOK

Mr Willis disclosed that he expected to assemble motion pictures he took of his voyage into a movie. In addition, he will write articles and a book on his adventure.

The adventurer's wife told newsmen she would like to accompany her husband on his next trip. He said, however, that he did not believe that both he and his wife could have made the trip on his raft "the Seven Sisters."

Mr Willis said he would present President Eisenhower with the American flag he flew from the raft and the clearance papers he was given before sailing from Peru.

The one-man raft, which sailed from Peru to the Samoan Islands, outdistanced by some 1,300 miles the voyage of the famous Kon-Tiki raft, which carried six men aboard.—United Press.

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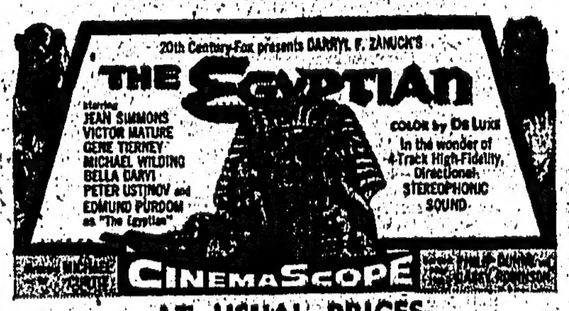

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G.I.s TAUGHT RED LINE DURING WAR

Washington, Oct. 24.
Republican Senator William Jenner alleged that American soldiers during World War II "were taught the Communist line by men wearing the American uniform."

He was announcing the publication of evidence given at public hearings of the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee about the Army's war-time information of education programme.

Mr Jenner, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, said the evidence showed that the programme "to which every G.I. was subjected was heavily loaded with pro-Soviet propaganda and started in many countries by men with Communist records."

The orientation programme was supposed to be a morale builder for new recruits and for the sick, wounded and exhausted soldiers in hospitals and rest camps, Mr Jenner said.

"So what did it consist of? Publications of the Institute of Pacific Relations, which this Sub-Committee found, was regarded by Soviet officials as an instrument of Communist propaganda.—Reuter.

Time To Talk To Russians

London, Oct. 24.
A Labour Member of Parliament, Mr Ness Edwards, said today the time was ripe for top level talks with Soviet leaders.

Speaking at Aberdare, Wales, Mr Edwards, who visited Moscow last month with a British Parliamentary delegation, said, "I am convinced, having talked to top men in Russia, that the time is ripe for top level talks. I am also convinced that the Russians are preparing to get down and settle for long-term commitments for peaceful co-existence."—France-Presse.

N. Rhodesia Strike Threat

Kitwe, N. Rhodesia, Oct. 24.
Northern Rhodesia's African Trade Union Congress today called a general strike of 80,000 African workers for next Wednesday. The Congress decided at a special weekend meeting to call the strike in support of members of the Northern Rhodesia African General Workers Union, who stopped work two weeks ago, claiming a 100 per cent pay rise for African bricklayers.

The African TUC decided that the general strike should be for "an indefinite period".—Reuter.

Trieste Zones End Tonight

Belgrade, Oct. 25.
The Yugoslav zone of the Trieste Free Territory will be officially incorporated into Yugoslavia at midnight tonight under a decree signed by President Tito today.

The decree abolishes Yugoslav military government there.

According to reports from Trieste, Italy will take over from the Anglo-American military government in the Anglo-American zone a few hours later.—Reuter.

Street Named After French Fighter Pilot

Paris, Oct. 24.
A Paris street has been named Jean Maridor, in honour of a Free French fighter pilot who died on August 8, 1944, when he rammed a V-1 flying bomb to stop it falling on an English hospital.

Captain Jean-Marie Maridor, DFC, Commander of the Legion of Honour, Croix de Guerre and five palms, has already had a plaque to his memory unveiled in Le Havre, his home town.

It was presented by the people of Folkestone, England, to mark his single-handed feat of turning aside a flight of 15 German planes on their way to bomb the town.

A school in Le Havre has also been named after him, and an Allied Airmen's club in Paris during the last years of the war bore his name.

He was credited with destroying 10 German planes and nine flying bombs.

In 1948 his remains were taken from Brookwood cemetery, Southern England, and interred with full military honours in Le Havre.

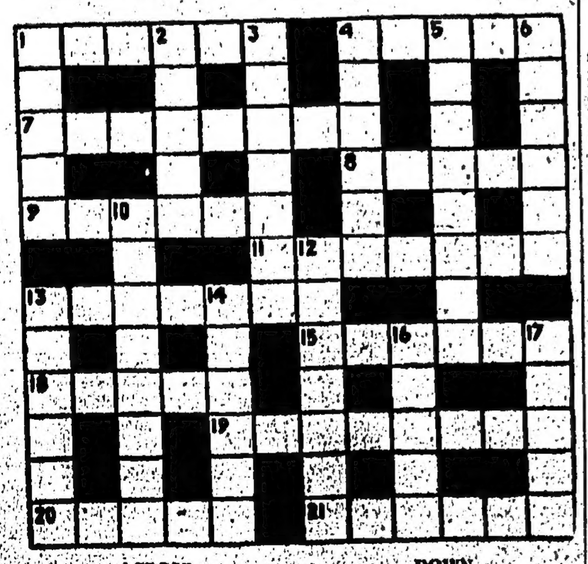
When he was killed, he was engaged to an English girl. They were to have married that month.—China Mail Special.

Liberators Return

Oslo, Oct. 24.
Senior Russian officers who led the forces which drove the Germans out of north Norway today returned for celebrations, marking the tenth anniversary of the liberation of the county of Finnkark.

They laid wreaths on the Norwegian war memorial, at Kirkeno, 20 miles from the Russian frontier.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1 Run off (6).
4 Struggle for breath (5).
7 Church living (8).
8 Own (5).
9 Meal (6).
11 Bull (7).
13 Get ready (7).
15 Holy (6).
18 Applaud with shouts (5).
19 Worthy of much love (8).
20 Sewed (5).
21 Happiness (6).

DOWN
1 Exclude (5).
2 Stadium (6).
3 Sporting dog (7).
4 Lubricant (6).
5 Sword (5).
6 Sorted out (6).
10 Glide (8).
12 Put back (7).
13 Parcel (6).
14 Make effervescence (6).
16 Long for (6).
17 Lake (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD
7 Across: 1 Aged, 4 Arrest, 8 Hole, 10 Opposed, 11 Dolce, 12 Gaze, 14 Earwig, Oriel, 23 Recital, 24 [illegible] Ancient, 25 Hatch, [illegible]

Adenauer Will Report To Cabinet Today

COMPROMISE EXPECTED TO BE RECOGNISED

Bonn, Oct. 24.
Dr Konrad Adenauer, West German Chancellor, reports to his Cabinet tomorrow on the price he had had to pay to secure the Paris treaties restoring the Federal Republic's sovereignty.

This is his compromise agreement with France to "Europeanise" the Saar. Some members of the Free Democrat Party and a member of the coalition, have rejected such a solution of the Saar dispute.

But like Dr Adenauer himself, they are expected to recognise that it was necessary to compromise on the Saar to achieve sovereignty and rearmament within the new Western European Union and membership of the North Atlantic Treaty.

A Government source said ratification of the Paris treaties is not likely to be delayed by the new Soviet note proposing four-power talks on European problems including German reunification.

SUGGESTION REJECTED

The Social Democratic opposition, which has long demanded such talks, today rejected the suggestion that they should await ratification of the treaties. The West must now examine whether Russia is ready to take positive steps on reunification, the Party's press service said.

Government quarters regard the note as a tactical manoeuvre, they support the viewpoint: "First, strengthen the West, then talks with the Russians."

Dr Adenauer leaves on Tuesday for a three-week tour of the United States.

The trip will allow domestic political tempers to cool a little. They are sure to be aroused over the concessions which Dr Adenauer had to make over the Saar.

If parts of the coalition were to revolt—which is unlikely, at the moment—Dr Adenauer would lose his two-thirds majority in the Bundestag (Lower House).

This majority is vital if it is found that a constitutional amendment is necessary to ratify the Paris agreements. Dr Adenauer believes that no such amendment is necessary and only a simple majority is required for ratification.

The Chancellor is expected to return from the United States early in November. Parliamentary sources say there will be a foreign affairs debate soon afterwards.—Reuter.

EARLY RATIFICATION

The Hague, Oct. 24.
Most West European Governments will secure early ratification of the treaties signed yesterday to bring a rearmed West Germany into the Atlantic alliance, reports today indicated.

There was little official comment on the new Soviet note proposing East-West talks, which was delivered to Britain, France and the United States as the treaties were being signed in Paris.

Izvertia, Soviet Government newspaper, said the treaties were "a menace to peace and European security." Their implementation would make it impossible for a long time to reunify Germany on a democratic basis, the newspaper added.

Reuter correspondents in West Europe reported:

Rome: Political officials in Italy consider the Soviet note a manoeuvre to drive a wedge among the members of the new Western European Union formed in Paris.

Communist and pro-Communist newspapers today devoted their front pages to the Soviet note, which leftwing deputies will use as political ammunition when the Paris treaties come up in Parliament for ratification.

ABOUT FEBRUARY

Professor Gaetano Martino, the Italian Foreign Minister, does not expect Parliament to ratify the treaties before February—about the same time, that ratification is expected in France.

Dr William Drees, the Dutch Prime Minister, said the results of the Paris conferences had been satisfactorily received by the Dutch [illegible]

Senator Roger Motz, President of the Liberal International, forecast an 85 per cent majority. He believes ratification will be completed by the end of the year.

M. Paul Henri Spaak, Belgian Foreign Minister, said today he was very satisfied with the Paris treaties though he deplored "the ground lost in the field of European integration since the rejection of the European Community Treaty."

The Minister, a pioneer of European integration, was speaking before boarding a plane for New York, where he will attend the General Assembly of the United Nations.

He said he will submit the treaties to Parliament for ratification on November 9. Ratification should be completed by January 15.

Copenhagen: The Government considers Danish membership of the Western European Union impracticable at present but Danes recognised the necessity of rearming West Germany.

President Eisenhower today called a special meeting of his Cabinet for tomorrow night in Washington to receive the report of the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, on the international agreements signed in Paris yesterday.

HISTORIC STEP

Announcing this at the President's weekend retreat in the mountains near Thurmont, Maryland, his press secretary Mr James Hagerty, said the President considered the Paris pacts not only a diplomatic victory, but "an historic step towards that unity so necessary for the maintenance of the freedom of Western Europe."

Mr Eisenhower will pay Mr Dulles an unprecedented tribute by meeting him at the National Airport in Washington tomorrow, when the Secretary of State returns from Paris by way of Bermuda, Mr Hagerty added.

The Cabinet meeting will be held at the White House (starting at about 2330 GMT).

An evening session was arranged, Mr Hagerty explained, to give several members who are away from Washington time to return.

Sir Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, is expected to make a formal report on the signature of the Paris agreement at a Cabinet meeting, called by the Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, for tomorrow.—Reuter.

RARE BOOKS FOUND

Tokyo, Oct. 25.
Ueno Library officials today announced the accidental discovery of 3,600 rare Dutch books which had been gathering dust in a forgotten corner of the library for years.

The books, covering subjects such as medicine, geography, history, political science and military science, were expected to shed light on some aspects of Japanese cultural history between 1603 and 1867.—United Press.

London, Oct. 25.
The famous Orient Express from Paris to Istanbul is to run on its direct route [illegible] for the first time since [illegible] way [illegible] the Iron Curtain [illegible]

Lady Churchill At Exhibition

Lady Churchill, wife of the Prime Minister, takes a look at one of the latest incubators for premature babies in the course of an inspection of exhibits at the London Nursing Exhibition. The exhibition was held at Seymour Hall, London.—(Central Press Photo).

SULLEN QUIET FOLLOWS PRISON RIOT

Jefferson City, Miss., Oct. 24.
A sullen quiet pervaded the mammoth Missouri Penitentiary today. But it was not the normal Sabbath at either the men's prison or the smaller women's penal institution, half a mile away.

Highway patrolmen have augmented guards at both institutions as a result of yesterday's major riot at the men's prison and a "sympathy demonstration" by women prisoners last night.

One convict was shot to death by guards and 37 others were wounded or injured in the latest battling at Jefferson City—third major outbreak in this men's prison in a month.

The disturbance at the women's prison, however, was brief. The authorities got it under control in about 20 minutes. They explained today that they had been warned the women might stage a demonstration and they were ready. About 20 women were involved. They screamed and set beds ablaze.

Firemen wearing gas masks removed the burning furniture and quiet was restored. About 30 beds were damaged.

It took guards and State troopers about an hour and a half to quell the men's riot yesterday afternoon. — United Press.

No Confidence In Anti-Smog Chief

Los Angeles, Oct. 24.
Residents of the sprawling Los Angeles basin hoped for some relief from smog today but there was no let-up in the political furore precipitated by the attack of eye-stinging fumes.

There was a slight trace of smog in the metropolitan area early this morning, but weather experts said conditions pointed to a relatively smog-free day by mid-morning. Meanwhile, there was more smoke and fury on the political front.

The Los Angeles County supervisor, Mr Herbert Legg, announced that he would demand the resignation on Tuesday of Mr Gordon Larson, chief of the county's air pollution control district, the agency charged with ridding the area of the noxious fumes.

Mr Legg charged that Mr Larson "does not have the confidence of the people of our country."—United Press.

SWISS TO PAY SPECIAL TAXES

Berne, Oct. 24.
Switzerland's all-male electorate agreed by 456,756 votes to 193,755 today to continue paying 900 million francs (about £70,000,000) a year in special taxes to the Federal Government.

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Balloons Carrying Propaganda To Czechoslovakia

Vienna, Oct. 25.
Leaflet-carrying balloons are the West's latest propaganda weapon against Communism in Czechoslovakia.

The balloons were brought into action under "Operation Veto" when the Communists, by jamming or by instituting radio relay networks which take only pre-selected programmes into the homes of the people, managed to cut the number of listeners to Western radio programmes in Czechoslovakia.

Operation Veto was launched by Radio Free Europe, an American organisation, which broadcasts to "iron curtain" countries as a co-ordinated radio and leaflet campaign. The leaflets were dropped over Czechoslovakia from balloons.

The first three million leaflets were sent in shortly before May 1, the big Communist holiday. They consisted of a series of posters each small enough to be concealed in the palm of the hand and announced "10 demands." On May Day itself a further million leaflets were dropped on several key cities enumerating the "10 demands."

FORCED LABOUR

The demands include an eight-hour working day and better working conditions, the abolition of forced labour and compulsory collectivisation of farms and the end of compulsory delivery of agricultural produce at ridiculously low prices.

A few days before the elections to the national committees were held on May 16, over 20 million copies of the "ballot of the people's opposition" started to reach the country.

These did not try to contest the Communist regime's elections, which they declared were 'rigged' away but put forward the 10-point programme of the "people's opposition."

Next one million copies of an eight-page "picture edition" began falling over Czechoslovakia about June 1, illustrating the 10 demands in more human and informal terms.

Until then the main purpose of the leaflets had been to make clear what the 10 demands were and what they signified.

About June 5, however, two million copies of a new leaflet having the appearance of an air mail letter started to explain why the campaign had been launched at this time.

The next leaflet coincided with the opening of the 10th Congress of the Czechoslovak Communist Party on June 10. It poked sly fun at the meeting of the party bosses and was followed by further airborne cartoons and eight-page illustrated leaflets.

Radio Free Europe officials state that reports on the success of "Operation Veto" reaching the West from Czechoslovakia are gratifying. Refugee Czechs say the figure "10" can now be seen scrawled on walls of cities throughout the country as a token of anti-Communist resistance. They declared that the leaflets become "treasured possessions" of the finders — but the punishment of anyone caught with them is very severe.

SHARP NOTE

Hardly a week after the first leaflets were dropped the Government abandoned its customary attitude of ignoring Western propaganda directed against it and on May 5 sent a sharply worded note of protest to the United States.

It described the balloon campaign as "a serious violation of international law" and claimed that it constituted interference with the internal affairs of a sovereign country.

This note was followed by constant protests in the Czech press and radio. President Antonin Zapotocky denounced it in a speech as "a provocative act."

The organisers of the balloon campaign have called this reaction "advertising which money could not buy."—China Mail Special.

COCOA RESEARCH

Port of Spain, Oct. 24.
A regional research centre for the West Indies to amalgamate the banana, cocoa and soil research schemes established in 1946-7, is to be formed at the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture, Trinidad, before the end of the year, Dr. G. A. C. Herklots, College Principal, has announced here.

Dr Herklots said the cocoa research would not be limited to the West Indies, but would have world-wide application. Sugar research would continue as a separate scheme.—China Mail Special.

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THE NAZI LOOK FOR CHILDREN IN BLUE

Berlin.

AS far as the schools of East Germany go there is little to fear about re-Nazification. From all that I have been able to see they have never been de-Nazified.

Only one thing has been changed. That is the colour of the shirts. They are now blue instead of brown. And, of course, the name and the slogans are not quite the same.

But the discipline, the technique of leadership, the standing to attention and the general preparation of boys and girls as slaves of a totalitarian regime are all the same old stuff we knew under von Schirach (now in Spandau gaol) and his boss Hitler.

I went—with an escort from the East German Foreign Office—to a Dresden "co-educational primary school, passing on my way across the desolation of what once used to be the lovely centre of Dresden, which in almost the last days of the war was laid waste by air attack.

As I watched the men and women at work in the blands of reconstruction putting up new technical high schools, new administrative and hospital buildings and, above all, new block of flats* I thought: "If there is anywhere in Germany where totalitarianism and regimentation must be dead for ever it is here."

Attention

I WAS wrong. And it was a little girl with fair pigtails and blue eyes who showed me I was wrong.

As I followed her form master into the classroom, little Greta, standing out in front of her mates, called them smartly to attention. Then she clenched her right fist above her flaxen head in salute.

"Class 7C ready for lesson," she reported to the form master in the best military style.

"Are you ready?" asked the form master.

"Always ready," the class roared back in obedient unison.

Little Greta saluted again, turned smartly on her heel and raced down the hall to her desk.

Then the lesson began—a history lesson, all about the wicked feudal barons and landowners and how they had exploited the peasants at the end of the Middle Ages.

It was excellent Marxism, cleverly put over. The children learned their lesson well. They gave all the right answers. They were the citizens of totalitarianism in the making.

Now if you think that this military salute business was just the eccentric idea of one young master, let me tell you that in the next classroom I visited the little boys and girls were put through exactly the same ritual—except that here it was conducted in Russian and the teacher was not a young man in a white overall but a middle-aged woman in red bobby-socks.

A barrier

A MASTER told me: "Some pupils get on quite well with Russian. But with others there seems to be a kind of psychological barrier. This, I believe, is usually due to the parents—a kind of stupid antipathy to the great Soviet Union. If I suspect this I send for the parents and explain the error of their ways. That usually works wonders."

I can well imagine it. For a lack of sympathy for the Soviet Union is an even worse crime in East Germany than a "negative attitude" to the German Democratic Republic itself.

Young Greta, who played the part of the sergeant-major for Class 7C, is a member of the Young Pioneers Corps, junior division of the "Free German Youth," to which all young East Germans must belong if they want to make a career in the Socialist State.

It is the twin brother of the Hitler Youth, as I discovered, and has fuehrers, class leaders and youth meetings.

Woe to the parent who discourages his child from belonging to this organisation. The master or the youth leader will call for an explanation of his attitude. Even so I found at this Dresden school that something like 30 percent of the children had not joined.

Usually they are the children of middle-class parents, who are afraid that if even the West takes over there may be discrimination against members of Communist organisations.

As I was leaving the school I noticed a group of young Pioneers camped round the door. "What are you doing here?" I asked, because the school had already closed.

"We are the guard," they said.

The headmaster explained that the Pioneers would stand guard until six o'clock that evening. "It teaches them revolutionary watchfulness. It prepares them for the time when they will be going into factories and learning to keep out strangers, saboteurs and spies."

Of all the East German youth organisations, that which reminded me most of the Nazi period was the very modestly named "Society for Sport and Technic."

Its activities, stated officially to "teach East Germany's youth to defend their fatherland," comprise such innocent entertainments as "flying sports," parachute jumping, rifle shooting, sea sport, and training in radio.

Refugees

HOW does all this go down with the young East Germans? The best answer I can find is that close on 60 percent of the refugees still pouring in from East Germany to the West are under 25 years old.

I found hundreds of them at the reception centre in Berlin's Marienfelde suburb the other day.

They were waiting to be examined by doctors. When they are passed they are flown to a youth camp near Bremen—and there they wait to be enrolled in the new West German National Army.

Out of the one frying pan into the other.

—(London Express Service)

* Wonderfully well designed these flats are. They are equipped with the latest labour-saving devices for the working housewife. And all at amazingly cheap rents (15s., for example, for a four-room kitchen-and-bath flat with parquet floors, central heating, and lifts).

SPECTACLE AT BLACKPOOL

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ON WHY I DID NOT LEAVE LONDON

By SIR BEVERLEY BAXTER

THERE are times when every man must face decisions that not only affect himself but the immediate members of his family. It happens to us all, and it is a wise wife who recognises that on these occasions her husband is not only lord and master but specially endowed with vision and judgment.

The roles of husband and wife are like those of General Montgomery and Field Marshal Alexander when they planned the Battle of El Alemein. Alexander was responsible for the strategy and Montgomery (when he remembered) was in charge only of the tactics. In drawing this comparison you will realise that the husband is in charge of the over-riding strategy and the wife has to work out the details. There would be happier marriages if it were more widely realised.

This summer the Baxter family decided to take a furnished house at the seaside. Our daughter Meribah who was inadvertently left behind in Vancouver last summer was coming home for her 21st. Her brother, Clive, would have leave from his job on Lord Beaverbrook's London Evening Standard. The old man, that is the author of this, would keep the house open in London and divide his time between the metropolis and the seaside.

NOSTALGIC

WE found a delightful house at Cooden Beach, a tiny residential settlement with one hotel, one golf course, one estate agent, a railway station and a few neighbours with houses that also gazed at the sea. There was a certain nostalgic appeal to me because Cooden Beach is only three miles from Boxhill where in the old fashioned war of 1914-1918 I trained as a junior officer under Brigadier Critchley — now unhappily blinded — and later in the war convalesced at Earl de La Warr's country house in Bexhill which had been given over for the recuperation of Canadian officers.

It may be of mild interest that Lord De La-Warr owns Cooden Beach as well, and holds the position of Post Master General in the government. But being a peer he has no real political future and therefore we shall allow him to disappear from this London Letter.

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itself, and in order not to denude our London house of staff I hired a very small man as chauffeur, golf caddy and bottle washer in such spare moments as he was not taking my Sealyham "Disraeli" for a swim. I must confess that at the end of the holiday he looked even smaller than when I hired him.

When the family had settled in and arranged such mundane matters as establishing friendly relations with the butcher, the baker and the general storeman I went down to join them for a weekend from Thursday to Tuesday. The weekend was invented by the English but they are apt to stretch it a bit. By confining my stay from Thursday to Tuesday I felt that such an example of devotion to duty could not pass unobserved by the neighbours.

IMPATIENT

UP to my arrival the summer, even for an English summer, was unspeakable. England had become a sodden mass of murky swamp. Talk about the monsoon! It would be a mere drizzle compared to the English rain in the summer of 1954.

My family seemed to be slightly impatient about the weather and talked to me as if they had been marooned on a tiny island, not only surrounded by water, but drenched with it.

How odd of them to take that view. On the night that I got there a full moon had appeared and there was not a wisp of cloud in the sky. It was sheer magic. So bright was the moon, so clear was its radiant beauty, so sparkling was the gleaming diamond reflection on the rolling waters, so lonely was the intermittent blinking of a lighthouse that I felt a sense of absolute rapture.

ENCHANTING

THE lawn of our house was like the deck of an aircraft-carrier—and there beyond the shore was the ocean in all its restless grandeur. It made me think of the last scene in the Merchant of Venice when Lorenzo and Jessica are waiting for the return of Portia and Bassanio. So glorious was the Venetian moon that the two of them vie with each other in sentences of transcendent beauty beginning "In such a night" until they hear Portia coming and Lorenzo says:

"I would love night you did [illegible]

plays! How could that brilliant but dark-souled man create such lovely nonsense?

The people in the house on our right were not only friendly but pleasantly excited because their bitch had just delivered herself of six tiny puppies. The maternal instinct is always an impressive thing but I have never seen a mother so bored with her offspring as this particular bitch. We went into appropriate ecstacies but I must confess that our rapture was somewhat lessened when at about six o'clock in the morning the pups began to howl for their breakfast.

Nevertheless the place was enchanting. How invigorating before breakfast to put on a pair of shorts and splash in the sea while Disraeli my Sealyham terrier chased the gulls in all directions. When I returned to town on the Thursday I felt that only a madman would spend his days and nights in such a monstrous tuberosity as this vast metropolis called London.

And it was then that I took the great decision. We would sell our house in London and have a small service flat which would do when Parliament was sitting. But the rest of the time we would live by the sea. Just think of the pleasure of writing on the verandah with the rolling waves splashing against the shore, and to breathe the uncontaminated air. My wife was moderately interested in the idea but rather shook me by saying: "Certainly, darling. If that's what you want you shall have it."

RETURN

THAT is one of the worst aspects of the female of the species. They lack logic. They do not understand the necessity of considering every aspect of a case. I had irrevocably determined to live by the sea but a wife should not accept the idea as if her husband had merely announced that he was going to buy a new grey hat. Even Montgomery must have spent some time discussing tactics with Alexander.

The week-end passed by and on the Tuesday I returned to London again. The sun was radiant and the garden was rich in colour with summer's fulfilment. Among my letters was an invitation to the first night of the Old Vic Production of Macbeth which had won such acclaim at the Edinburgh Festival.

Then the telephone rang, and it was Walter Wanger, the Hollywood producer, who, you may remember, shot a man who was paying too much attention to his wife, Joan Bennett. I had known Wanger years ago when he lived in London for a time but I had not seen him since he had served his prison sentence.

So Wanger and the lovely Joan Bennett came to lunch in the garden and we discussed his [illegible]

I went to it like a lover to his mistress.

It was all very well for Shakespeare to write the lilting verbal music of "In such a night" but here was a man who had decided on murder, who had passed from power to the prison cell, who was sitting in my garden with his lovely immutable wife whose thoughts were her own.

There was also a message from Lord Templewood, whom you will remember better as Sir Sam Hoare, saying that he was sending me the proofs of of his book of political memoirs. The telephone had shaken off its dumb summer silence and the rhythm of London life was slowly re-asserting itself.

DECISION

WHEREUPON I took a firm decision. I would not take a house at the sea except for August and September. On the contrary I would keep my town house and live in it except for a winter and a summer holiday. What in blazes is to be gained by gazing at the sea which is completely unconcerned as to whether you gaze at it, or not.

And when the day was over my mind went back to 1919 when as a Canadian subaltern I saw Lord Beaverbrook for the first time. We had corresponded but not till then had I met this vital enigmatic genius who was to alter the whole course of my life.

His words at the end of our conversation came back to me, as clearly as if they were uttered only yesterday.

"Hundreds of years ago," he said, "the hairy Britons stood wonderingly on these shores as the wind filled the sails of the mighty Roman galleons setting off for Imperial Rome. London is the Imperial Rome of today and you must make your career here unless, of course, you are content to watch on the shores like the hairy Britons."

CONVERSATION

PONDERING on these words as I sat in my garden I remembered that it was time to set off to the Carlton Club where a friend from Montreal was to dine with me. So I dialled a taxi stand and the following conversation took place:

"Come to 54 Hamilton Terrace".

"To Harrington what?"

"Not Harrington, Hamilton".

"74 Hamilton Place?"

"No Hamilton Terrace and it's 54."

"What's 54? Speak up."

I was home again. How could one be such a fool as to think he could leave London of his own free will and spend his days and nights gazing at the disinterested sea?

What puzzles me is that my wife should allow such foolish ideas to get into her head. But that is why we husbands must realise that we are [illegible] powers [illegible]

DAVID—HANDIEST HUSBAND OF ALL

From DAVID LUDLOW

New York.

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- His own home, which has high fidelity music in all rooms, and doors that open at approach;
- A meat-grinding machine that will also scrub his wife's pots and pans, and sweep and polish the floors.

For sons Gary and Owen, aged 10 and eight, there is a miniature railway in the garden, pulled by a steam-engine they can drive.

About that electronic brain.

Mr. Boyd calls it Albert Einstein, and it can do nearly as much as the professional, million-dollar computers. It tackles 10 mathematical operations at once, 60 times a minute.

Boyd's employers, an oil company, send a truck for it whenever there are abstruse calculations to be made.

He has had no engineering training.

YOUNG Mr Bryant Bowles, boss of the Association for the Advancement of White People, was arrested at Harrington, Delaware, as he stepped from a plane.

He is accused of conspiring to violate the school attendance laws — meaning that he is encouraging white children to go on strike at schools where Negro pupils are admitted.

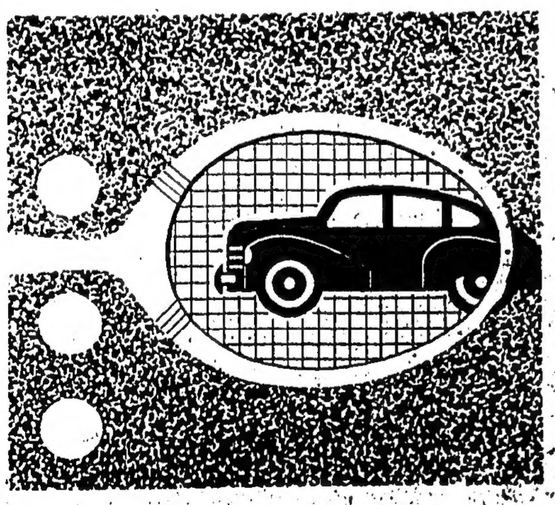
HALF A MINUTE—about a hundred words—was cut off Mr Eisenhower's nationwide TV and radio campaign speech from Denver White House one night.

And it was no accident. The Republican National Committee had paid for half an hour, and even a President has to stick to rules. He was faded out.

TO ALL his relatives, 68-year-old John W. Nelson, of Chicago, was just "a poor cousin."

He was a doorman until two years ago, he retired to lighter work—as an office boy for a drug store.

But now he has [illegible]



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The POSTMAN DIDN'T KNOCK

By LES ARMOUR

London.

IN the small town of Dole in the mountains of Eastern France, a shy little man walks through the streets acknowledging the proud salutes of his fellow citizens, pausing now and then to accept a glass of wine or a cup of coffee from an admirer.

Strangely, the little man is unemployed. He has just been sacked — by special directive from Paris. But that has served only to increase his fame.

Until recently has was a postman. But unlike the gentlemen commemorated across the front of the New York Post Office who "through snow and hail and sleet . . ." got the mails through, he won his fame by not getting the mails through.

HATED THE LOOK

THE mails concerned were the annual income tax notices.

He simply stored them in his basement.

Why?

"Because I hate to see the look on people's faces when I give them income tax demands. So I just did not deliver them and everybody was happy."

Eventually, somebody in Paris, wondering why no taxes were paid in Dole came out to investigate and found the terrible booty in the postman's basement.

He was sacked and the citizenry got new sets of tax demands.

But the story doesn't quite end there.

The postman's trouble now is to decide which job to take. Everybody in town wants to hire him.

Thus does man's humanity to man display itself.

The cynical will write off the little postman as a mere blockhead and a frightful saboteur of good government as well. They will point out that widows would get no pensions, little children no education, and politicians no large government automobiles to ride about in if every postman behaved thus.

GREAT GULF

BUT they forget that soldiers would get no A-bombs to throw at one another, either.

And it is just possible that, if the widows of Dole got no pensions, someone in Dole would shortly be moved to do something about it—something the citizens could see and not something dispensed with impersonal bureaucracy from Paris.

The citizens have long faces when the tax demands turn up in Dole because there is a great gulf between their contribution and its results across which they cannot see.

Money paid to the income tax collector is just money lost and gone forever.

And money spent on public services is money which comes, mysteriously, from "the government."

Perhaps it would do everyone good if the world's postmen, just for a few months, emulated the little postman from Dole.

POCKET CARTOON
By OSBERT LANCASTER

"Ed likes to play the big-shot once in a while. Last week he lit his cigar with a twenty-dollar bill from the dress shop."

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

AN American has discovered that business men with round faces are thought to be easy-going and good natured, and so lose business.

They should have long faces, and it is suggested that a round face can be made to look like a long face by various exercises of the facial muscles. I can vouch for this.

When I became managing director of a carpet-beating firm my round face was a jest in the boardroom. So, every day, for an hour, I exercised my face in front of a mirror. Every time I said, in a deep voice, and pronouncing the vowels purely, "Profofofofofo," my mouth and chin narrowed, and my face took on an oval look. By making a habit of saying profofofofofofo as though it were an exclamation, during business interviews, I raised the number of carpets beaten per week from 734 to 1,436. When I appeared in the boardroom there was awed silence instead of laughter.

The Hunt Scandal

The Hunt Committee, almost broke,
Decided on a final ball,
And all the loyal County folk
Once more assembled at the Hall.

The food, by force of circumstance,
Was scanty, badly cooked, and plain,
And there was many a peevish glance,
And many a murmur of disdain.

Prodding his meat, the Master cried,
"I never tasted such a thing
Since Major Fenton's horse was fried,
One Thursday night in Mafeking."

It was exactly what it looked.
For in default of daintier fare,
The chef had nonchalantly cooked
The Master's favourite nag, Beaucaire.

Try again

A PUBLICIST said the other day that everyone ought to take an intelligent interest in world affairs, and that the first thing to do is to be able to recognise the various bodies referred to under initials, such as NATO. I wonder how many of my readers can give a brief account, without consulting newspapers of: GMO, ARDO, SEAL, BSX, TUR, VLM.

None of them exist—yet.

The herbaceous boarder

SHE complained that though she ate nothing but vegetables and herbs, she still grew fatter and fatter. (Evening paper.)

As the poet sang to his lady:
Vaster than Empires, and more slow,
My vegetable love shall grow.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

BORN today, you have the type of mind which is insatiable in its quest for information. You want to investigate every facet of the world's knowledge. You must realize that no one person can retain all this knowledge—even one with as unusual a memory as you have. Consequently, it is up to you to specialise at an early age. Become an expert in some one field, and you will find that the road to fame is wide open for you. Your nervous energy far surpasses your physical strength. Learn the lesson of periodic relaxation to rebuild strength and physical resistance.

You are an engaging conversationalist. Fond of travel, you will visit most of the far places on this earth. You are allergic to inactivity and if you find things too slow where you are, you will proceed to go somewhere else!

You have the gift of the written word and would probably excel in philosophy, history and science as well as writing with humour and insight of your travels. Affectionate, you must wed someone who also has a feeling for excitement and "gypsy feet."

Among those who were born on this date are: Macaulay, the historian; Pablo Picasso, artist; Richard E. Byrd, explorer; Chester Dewey, Franklin Bache and Wm. A. Norton, scientists; and Richard Howell, early governor of New York.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Consider all decisions well before committing yourself. Be conservative, rather than experimental.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Stay close to shore! High winds and emotional storm clouds are right overhead. Be as careful as you can.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—When forewarned of possible upsets, you can prepare yourself to prevent them. Look before you leap.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—New ventures are apt not to develop as fast as you may wish them to. Don't be impatient. Just wait.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—The solution to any problem today will be your ability to hold your temper and stay cool under stress.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Worry does no good. Just take one thing at a time and you will find everything works out fairly well.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Definitely not of your days! Be alert to possible upsets and you may be able to avert them.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—An excellent idea to stick closely to routine. Don't tempt the fates by being too experimental.

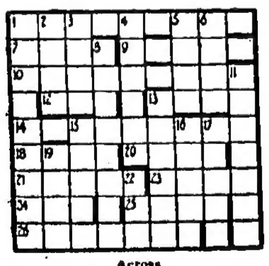
CANCER (June 22-July 21)—Everything is at "sixes and sevens" just now, but you can avoid being involved if you stay calm and collected.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Keep what might prove to be an unruly temper under control and you won't say something you'll regret later on.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Don't set off on some new adventure today, and you will find that normal duties proved well enough.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—If you take a positive attitude, even serious major problems you will find have ease to solve.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. You must be quick change artists up to a point, if you star in this theatre. (9)
7. This right or left is a salute. (4)
9. Throw out. (5)
10. Icy mountain terrain (9)
12. Sherry, but no shy. (8)
13. Sounds as if this crop from the hedges didn't go quickly. (4)
14. Old Curiosity Shop Richard. (9)
18. Call from those who go home, sometimes. (4)
20. Linked with trouble by the weird sisters. (4)
21. Sister of the "Little by Little" boy? (8)
23. Quietly. Hail! (4)
25. The river of Spain. (9)
26. Are in the past. (4)
28. The gentleman of the river. (7)

Down

1. You're unlikely not to be in one or three lists, somewhere. (9)
2. Jane became famous. (4)
3. Look closely. (4)
4. Little Miss Muffet was notable user of this. (8)
5. Gem from a volcano pall. (4)
6. This until turns up with a capital letter (4)
8. S.R. device (anag.). (8)
11. A river from the Lakes. (7)
16. A decamper? (8)
15. A tortured king of the Greek storytellers. (5)
16. Sell back with something inserted to make them truthful. (8)
17. [illegible] set of young [illegible] sterling. (4)
19. Chase the soloist: a chance. (4)
22. "Don't [illegible] a man" [illegible] with ad[illegible] (4)

(Afterboard, solution, [illegible])

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Think About Hand Before You Play

By OSWALD JACOBY

HOW would you play the hand shown today at a contract of four spades? It's all right to look at all of the cards before making up your mind.

The normal line of play is to win the opening heart lead with the ace, continuing with a trump finesse. East naturally wins with the king of spades and makes a safe return—such as a trump, a heart, or a diamond.

Declarer must now try to establish the diamonds in the hope of discarding two of dummy's losing clubs on his own long diamonds. Unfortunately for South, however, West wins the enemy's sure diamond trick and promptly leads a club through the dummy. Now the defenders must take two club tricks, to add to their diamond and their trump, thus defeating the contract.

The correct line of play is to refuse the very first trick! When East puts up the ten of hearts at the first trick, he is allowed to hold it.

East probably will return a heart for safety (no return can do him any good). South can

NORTH 29	
♠ A 10 9 8 3 2	
♥ 6	
♦ A 9 4	
♣ K J 6	
WEST	**EAST (D)**
♠ 4	♠ K 5
♥ 8 6 4 2	♥ K Q J 10 7 3
♦ Q J 8	♦ 10 7
♣ 9 7 4 3 2	♣ A Q 10
SOUTH	
♠ Q J 7 6	
♥ A 9	
♦ K 6 5 3 2	
♣ 9 5	

Both sides vul

East	South	West	North
1 ♥	Pass	Pass	Double
2 ♥	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening lead—♥ 2

discard a diamond from dummy on the ace of hearts and then try the trump finesse. This loses to the king of spades, of course, but declarer can win the safe trump return, cash the top diamonds, and ruff a diamond in dummy in order to establish that suit.

Now South can get to his hand with a trump in order to lead his two long diamonds and discard clubs from the dummy. At the end, South gives up one club trick but easily makes his contract.

The idea is to give the enemy a heart trick instead of a diamond, an exchange which costs South nothing. The advantage is that this one trick is given to East, who cannot damage declarer by switching to clubs.

CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been:

South	West	North	East
1 Diamond	Pass	2 Spades	Pass
?			

You, South, hold: Spades J-9-6-2, Heart 4, Diamonds A-Q-J-8-6, Clubs A-3-2. What do you do?

A—Bid three spades. You have only 12 points in high cards, but it is all in useful places and your distribution and spade support are excellent. What's more, if your partner goes slam-hunting your two aces will surely be useful.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-J-6-2, Hearts 9-4, Diamonds A-Q-J-8-6, Clubs K-Q. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. P. EERKES

Black, 12 pieces.

White, 9 pieces.
White to play: mate in two.

Solution to Saturday's problem:

1. Q—K5, 1 ... B—Q4, B5, etc.
2. R—B3, 1 ... R—R7, 2. P—B4.

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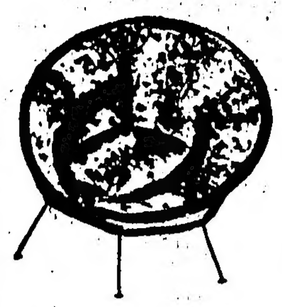
LATEST STYLES IN FURNITURE

By DOROTHY BARKLEY



The Saucer Chair. It perches on four steel "pins" and is made in a grey poodle fur fabric.

London.

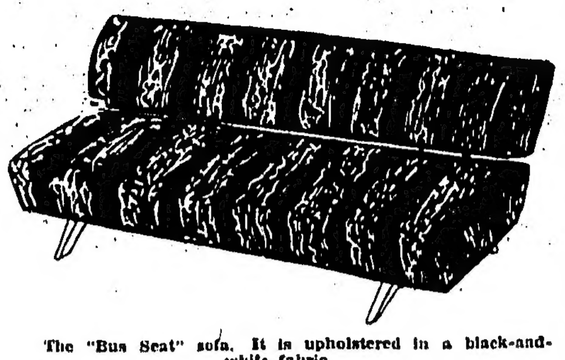
THE day that our furniture designers suddenly took their cues from the fashion world they started something.

What they started could be seen in one of the go-ahead London stores. In colour, they have followed the trend for black and white schemes and produced black and white wallpaper. In material, they have borrowed haute couture's fur fabric, tweed and mattress ticking, and upholstered chairs and sofas with them.

Elizabeth and I went along to inspect these latest arrivals, and Elizabeth has sketched three of them here.

The very latest shape for a chair is a saucer balanced on four metal pins by way of legs. It is upholstered in a fur fabric that looks like a poodle's coat. It may not look the last word in comfort—but it is. (Illustrated).

Sofas, too, have a new look and keep up with the chairs. They have suddenly lost their arms—presumably to give them a better "line"—and are covered in a black woollen fabric stitched with a white scribble pattern. (Illustrated).

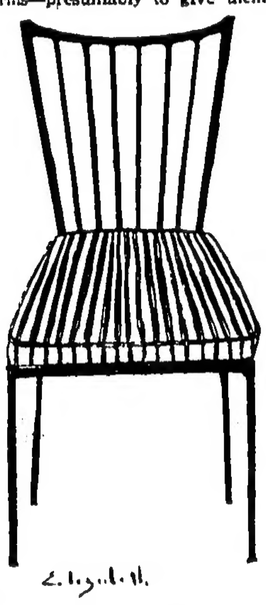


The "Bus Seat" sofa. It is upholstered in a black-and-white fabric.

If these don't appeal to you, perhaps you'd like a set of modern dining chairs, framed in black steel and upholstered in mattress ticking.

Admittedly, if you took one of these and put it down in the centre of the average dining room, it would look pretty horrible. But in a room with a general black and white scheme, it does look effective. Mattress ticking must be used lavishly. And it must be combined with a black-and-white wallpaper and relieved with spicy colours like pink and citron yellow.

This new furniture is always snapped up by the avant garde the moment it reaches the shops. The difficulty just now is that so many new designs are appearing that the avant garde are finding it hard to keep up.



The Mattress Ticking Chair. Framed in black steel, it is upholstered in mattress ticking.

Modern Cult

All women may not like modern furniture sufficiently to make it a friend for life, but at least the modern cult has made them appreciate colour in the home. And the 1950's will go down as the Decade that Discovered Colour. It threw out the wishy-washy wallpapers and brought in citron yellow and kingfisher blue.

One of the women behind the move is Mrs Astrid Sampe, a Swedish designer who has just opened an exhibition of her new fabric designs in London.

Many were printed on cotton velvet because this takes bright colours better than most. One had window squares coloured red, yellow and white.

Anyone who doubted that these bright colours wouldn't survive a wash had only to look at the corner of the exhibition where one of the brightest materials was submerged in a goldfish pond.

Mrs Sampe is also famous for her table decorations. Several of these were on show and British housewives wondered if they would dare to surprise their family with them.

Table Decorations

Mrs Sampe put pink serviettes with a dove grey tablecloth and chose enamelled metal plates, some black, some white, to go with them. She put kingfisher blue serviettes with a bottle green tablecloth, and combined them with metal soup bowls, black outside, blue inside.

The indoor plants at this exhibition reminded many visitors that this is the time to stock up bulbs and plants for the winter.

Some indoor gardeners, though, haven't learned how to keep their plants as fresh as a daisy. I once went to a fashion show where they had plants creeping along the backs of the chairs and up the walls. As the show went on, some of the plants began to wilt. By the end, they were trailing down our necks.

It must be to help people faced with this problem that a London store has rescued from its attic an opulent Victorian baby carriage, complete with penny-farthing wheels. They have given it a fresh coat of white paint and contemporary canopy, and filled it with trailing plants. When the room gets too warm, you load the plants into the pram and trundle them out.

Petticoats Designed To Show

New York.

PETTICOATS continue into winter-time popularity even with the new kilt-length skirts. The short petticoats, designed to show, include bright plaids and solid colours with pleats, flounces, ruffles and lace or net frills.

The kiltie skirt has revived another fad — snug-type pants as colourful as petticoats, but not designed to show. Fitted knit pants have contrast trims, plaid ribbon banding, rosettes and fringes in bright and dark colours.

Use care in washing the new underpinnings. Nylons, orlons and dacrons of tricot and woven versions should be washed by hand in warm soapsuds. Don't wring, twist or rub the synthetics, for this may "set" creases. After a couple of rinses, let them drip dry on hangers. Finger-press ruffles, pleats and trims while the garments are wet. Taffetas can be pressed on the wrong side with a cool iron while they're still damp.

Use a washing machine if you wish on the cotton or synthetic knit pants. Squeeze out excess moisture and hang on a rack to dry. Shape any fancy trims with fingers while the garments are wet.—United Press.

Recipes For Streamlined Meals

PERFECT for the warm weather are streamlined meals, quickies which still provide the requisite nourishment, and look and taste good, too.

Here's a tested skillet meal featuring ground beef, in which the meat is cooked with rice and celery in a sauce of tomatoes and bouillon.

To serve 4, brown ¾ c. uncooked rice slowly in 2 tbsp. hot lard in a heavy skillet. Stir frequently.

Add ½ c. each onion and celery, both chopped, and 1 lb. ground beef; brown lightly. Add 2½ c. (No. 2 tin) tomatoes, 2 tsp. salt, ⅛ tsp. pepper, tsp. each sugar and Worcestershire sauce, 1 c. bouillon or meat stock and any favourite seasoning.

Cover and simmer until rice is tender, about 45 min.

Texas Hot Dogs will delight the family, especially the menfolk of any age.

CRISSCROSS PATTIES

Split long buns and spread with butter; toast. Pan fry franks in a little hot fat until slightly browned (or if you can roast over open coals). Place in buns, top with hot chili con carne (either with or without beans).

Or, you can split franks before frying, then fill with the heated chili con carne.

For quick meals, make good use of meats-in-a-tin such as luncheon meat, corned beef hash, meat stews and spaghetti with meat and sauce, to name but a few of the wide variety now available.

A new way with corned beef hash is to make Crisscross Hash Patties.

For 3 to 4 servings, chill 2 (1 lb.) tins corned beef hash, then remove both ends from tin. Push out hash and cut each piece into 3 slices.

Place patties on a shallow pan and broil until lightly browned. Spread each patty with chili sauce or ketchup and top with 2 ½-in. strips of cheese, placed crisscross. Broil until cheese is slightly melted. Garnish with olive slices.

Tinned meat stew served on large split biscuits or corned bread is a sure fire hit, too.

COFFEE FRAPPE

Coffee Frappe is a delicious dessert.

For four 8-oz. servings or eight 4-oz. punch glasses, blend thoroughly 1½ c. cold, double-strength coffee, 2 c. finely cracked ice, 1 c. vanilla ice cream, 2 tbsp. sugar and a dash each of cloves and nutmeg.

If you use an electric blender, run for about 30 sec., until items are thoroughly blended.

Or combine all ingredients in a jar with a tightly sealed cover and shake vigorously until the ice is almost dissolved.

Should be served as soon as prepared.

—Alice Denhoff

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Snow in the Bookcase

—It Came from a Book Open to a Snow Poem—

By MAX TRELL

TEDDY the Stuffed Bear said to Knarf and Hanid, the shadow children with the turned-about names, "I've just come from behind the bookcase. Do you know what it's doing in there?"

"Doing in there?" Knarf repeated, in a surprised voice. "What's it doing in there?"

A Snowstorm

"It's snowing," said Teddy. Teddy added quickly, when he noticed the strange looks on the faces of Knarf and Hanid: "Oh, I know you don't believe me. Just wait here a moment and I'll prove it to you."

Saying this, Teddy squeezed behind the bookcase. He returned the next moment with a snowball.

But he barely had time to show it to Knarf and Hanid before it melted.

"My goodness," said Hanid. "How can it be snowing behind the bookcase?"

"Well," said Teddy, "the polar bears and the seals like the snow. They're sitting around in it."

"Behind the bookcase?" cried Hanid.

This was more astonishing than ever.

A few seconds later, Knarf and Hanid were squeezing behind the bookcase to see for themselves exactly what was going on. They could hardly believe their eyes. No sooner were they behind the bookcase than they found themselves in the middle of a blizzard. The wind blew. The air was full of snow.

"But where is it all coming from?" Hanid asked.

Literary Blizzard

They soon found out. All the wind and snow came from a half-open book on the top shelf of the bookcase. It was the Mother Goose Book, and it was opened on the page where this poem stood:

The North Wind doth blow,
And we shall have snow
And what will the Robin do then, poor thing?—

Knarf climbed up and quickly shut the book. The wind stopped blowing and the snow stopped falling immediately. But there was enough snow on the ground to provide fun for everybody all the rest of the day.

From the second shelf came Alice and the Mad Hatter and the March Hare and the Dormouse who [illegible] to be disagreeable [illegible] who didn't need a coat). They romped around in the snow, and the Mad Hatter picked up the Dormouse and stuck him head down into a pile of snow, much to Alice's annoyance and much more to the Dormouse's annoyance.

From the first shelf came several polar bears, seals, walruses, penguins and reindeer. They all came out of the Natural History Book.

"Nothing like a good, cold, snow day," said a polar bear to one of the seals.

Fun for Book Friends

Heidi came out of her book, Hans Brinker came out of his book and Wendy, her brothers, Peter Pan and Captain Hook came out of their book. The only one who did not like the snow was the Man In The Moon who was trying to find his way to Norwich and got all mixed up because of the snow. "Dear me," he kept saying. "My cold pease porridge will be colder than ever!"

"Nothing like a good snowy day," said a polar bear to a seal.

"There! You see!" said Teddy the Stuffed Bear to Knarf and Hanid as they went sleigh riding from one end of the bookshelf to the other. "Nobody in the world would believe that it could snow just because the Mother Goose Book came open at that old snow poem."

DUMB-BELLS

Rupert at Greyrocks Cove—4

Rupert and his parents went to continue gazing at the extraordinary insect, but Uncle Bruno declares he wish that he must go on with his journey. He wraps up the strange box, places it in his car and the little family [illegible]

"I do wish I could find pretty things like that here in Nutwood," sighs Rupert. "You're not likely to," says his Daddy. "That butterfly was not British. I should like to know more about that place Greyrocks Cove. It sounds very interesting."

Household Hints

Use corn meal to clean plush toy animals, unless they're heavily soiled. Rub them with meal dampened with a few drops of cleaning fluid. Then brush the fabric thoroughly.

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Use a pastry brush to remove food particles from strainers.

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You prevent waste of flour if you use a large salt shaker for dusting it into meats, fish or poultry.

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You can prevent a soggy bottom crust in fruit pies by sprinkling it with a bit of sugar and flour, just before adding the fruit.

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Uncooked, smoked meats keep sweet and fresh longer when wrapped in a vinegar-dampened cloth plus a layer of wax paper.

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To make fresh [illegible] [illegible] water for [illegible] (1) [illegible]

ARMY BEAT RAF 2-0

WAS IT A MAGIC WHISTLE THAT PRODUCED THIS YAWN-PROVOKING SOCCER?

Asks I. M. MacTAVISH

Referee Jack Kearney of the Royal Navy, who officiated in this inter-services game, has probably unearthed something that may be of great value in other fields . . . it is a magic whistle with the power to induce sleep or drowsiness under difficult conditions.

This is not a criticism of Mr Kearney, but it is the only explanation that I can suggest for the yawn-provoking second half which these two teams of somnambulistic soccerites produced at Sookunpoo yesterday afternoon.

The game started off brightly enough and at the outset both sides endeavoured to play fast, open football. The Airmen, with several changes in their side due to injuries, gave a good account of themselves and their long flung passes were a way dangerous.

However they lacked finishing power and a lot of their good midfield play was wasted soon as the 18-yard line was reached.

The Army playing a much cleaner game, moved the ball from man to man with a lot of skill and understanding. Up front Robson was always willing to "lend" and his readiness to have a go brought out some fine save by Sayers in the RAF goal.

The Army gained control of play midway through the opening half and first Morris and later Robson got the goals that gave them a two goal lead at the interval but according to some watches the second one arrived in the 37th minute if enough the referee was quite definite that this was not so.

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Sayers had a great game in the RAF goal and claimed the game's top honours. Loader, Summers and Hodkinson also did well in defence but up in the forward line only McManus and to a lesser degree Lockett, produced First Division form.

Toth is probably the most accomplished player in the side and it is therefore all the more distressing to see him resorting to tactics that must inevitably lead him into trouble. He is too good a player for this sort of thing and one can only hope that it is passing phase that will disappear quickly.

VERDICT: Disappointing in the extreme. A reasonable first half was followed by a second in which the monotony was only relieved by one bright or exciting incident. If you have any difficulty in getting to sleep let me recommend a visit from Doc Kearney one end of his single second half whistle will do you the world of good. If what it did to the player in this game is to be taken as a guide.

The teams

RAF: Sayers, Summers, McKay Hodkinson, Loader Toth; McManus, Ryan, Griffiths, Lockett, Hargarty.

Army: Thompson, Riley, Wallace, Hughes Hewitt Walker, Stonehouse, Middleton, Morris, Robson, Hiscock.

RAN OUT OF DIGITS

When inside right Brownsell scored for the Royal Navy at Caroline Hill near the end of the game there on Saturday he set an unusual problem for South China but it wasn't the players who were in difficulties it was the man in charge of the scoreboard.

The Caroline Hill boys had already scored a round dozen and with Brownsell's counter the scorer ran out of digits . . . but it was the only moment of difficulty that the South China organisation experienced during the whole afternoon.

Games such as this are no [illegible] Division [illegible] and the Royal Navy's [illegible] already [illegible] although [illegible] has hardly started.

The [illegible] skill and experience to match the general standard of the opposition in this class of football and unless they can lead to a talent very soon they look like having a dismal time in the months ahead.

Once again it was only a courageous performance by goalkeeper Payne that prevented this match from being reduced to farcical depths. He was beaten 13 times but he saved another dozen shots that seemed certain to find the net.

Of the other sailors only Jacques and Brownsell came up to the right standard, and the side can take honour only from the fact that in spite of the way the tide ran against them they never once resorted to anything suggestive of doubtful tactics.

For South China it was merely an interesting workout with a two points bonus for good measure. Once again they played delightful football and are in absolutely brilliant form at the moment.

The goals came at regular intervals throughout the match and in the final tally it was found that Lee Yuk-tak had claimed six, Ho Cheung-yau and Yiu Cheuk-yin got three apiece, and the odd one was a contribution from the overworked Navy defenders. Ho Cheung-yau got a knock early in the second half and finished the game as a passenger.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kitchee	6	6	0	2	26	9	12
Kwong Wah	7	6	1	1	21	10	11
KMB	5	5	0	0	26	7	10
South China	6	6	0	1	42	10	10
Eastern	6	4	1	1	20	12	9
Saints	7	4	1	2	24	10	9
Sing Tao	6	3	2	1	19	11	8
Army	6	3	1	2	22	16	7
Club	6	2	0	4	15	20	4
Police	6	1	1	4	9	23	3
RAF	7	1	0	6	8	20	2
CAA	7	1	0	6	11	22	2
Navy	7	0	1	6	6	44	1

Up and including October 24.

HKFC TEAMS

The following will represent the Hongkong Football Club in a First Division League soccer match against Eastern at the Club ground on Wednesday at 5.30 p.m.:—Lawson, Bishop, Wright, MacDonald, Petrie, Kinloch, Paton, Weller, Falconer, Torrington, Pickering.

HKFC Second XI v Kwong Wah at Sookunpoo tomorrow at 5.30 p.m.:—Jones, W. J. MacDonald, Laishley, Munch, Planck, Mackie, Wallace, Wako, Deignan, Babbs, Edgeley. Reserves: Newman, Sloan, Hugan.

Home Soccer Standings

London, Oct. 24.

Football League standings after yesterday's matches are as follows:

Division I

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	Pts
Manchester U.	14	8	3	3	31	27	19
Wolves	14	7	4	3	28	17	18
Sunderland	14	6	6	2	23	16	18
Portsmouth	14	7	4	3	25	17	18
Manchester C	14	7	4	3	22	24	18
Everton	14	7	3	4	22	15	17
Huddersfield	14	7	3	4	23	18	17
Freedon	14	7	2	5	35	19	16
Bolton	14	6	4	4	27	22	16
Charlton	14	7	2	5	29	25	16
West Brom	14	7	2	5	31	31	16
Chelsea	15	6	5	5	23	23	15
Newcastle	14	5	3	6	34	33	13
Cardiff	14	4	5	5	23	31	13
Aston Villa	14	4	4	6	22	29	12
Burnley	14	4	4	6	14	20	12
Arsenal	14	6	1	6	24	21	11
Tottenham	14	4	3	7	23	33	11
Wednesday	14	4	2	8	23	29	10
Blackpool	14	3	2	9	20	20	8
Leicester	14	2	4	8	23	33	8
Sheffield U	15	2	2	10	18	41	6

Division II

Blackburn	14	10	1	3	44	25	21
Rotherham	14	9	1	4	36	23	19
Fulham	14	9	1	4	30	20	19
Stoke City	15	8	2	5	19	13	18
Bristol R	14	8	2	4	30	28	18
Luton Town	14	9	0	5	20	19	18
Hull City	14	7	3	4	17	11	17
West Ham	14	7	2	5	28	24	16
Notts C	14	7	2	5	20	20	16
Leeds United	14	7	1	6	20	26	15
Doncaster	13	7	1	5	22	22	15
Birmingham	13	5	3	5	18	14	13
Bury	14	5	3	6	27	28	13
Swansea	14	6	1	7	28	30	13
Lincoln	14	6	1	7	24	26	13
Liverpool	14	5	2	7	30	30	12
Port Vale	14	3	4	7	16	24	10
Nottingham F	14	4	1	9	17	24	9
Plymouth	14	2	5	7	19	27	9
Middlesbrough	14	4	1	9	14	26	9
Derby	14	3	2	9	24	37	8
Ipswich	13	3	1	11	24	33	7

Division III (South)

Bristol C	16	11	4	1	44	17	26
Norwich	16	10	2	4	29	13	22
Leyton	16	10	2	4	23	16	22
Coventry	16	8	5	3	27	19	21
Queens P.R.	16	8	3	5	29	18	20
Southampton	16	9	2	5	27	22	20
Millwall	16	8	2	6	18	17	18
Southend	16	6	7	4	32	24	17
Torquay	16	7	3	6	30	27	17
Northampton	16	7	3	6	20	20	17
Brentford	16	6	4	6	25	26	16
Swindon	16	6	4	6	20	21	16
Aldershot	16	7	2	7	23	27	16
Gillingham	16	6	4	6	21	25	16
Bournemouth	16	4	6	6	26	23	14
Exeter	16	5	4	7	18	20	14
Brentford	16	4	5	7	31	33	13
Brighton	16	6	1	9	24	28	13
Newport	16	4	5	7	16	24	13
Crystal Pal	16	3	7	6	17	29	13
Colchester	16	4	4	8	19	28	12
Reading	16	4	3	7	20	27	11
Shrewsbury	16	3	5	8	22	31	11
Walsall	16	1	3	12	15	36	5

Division III (North)

Scunthorpe	16	10	4	2	28	13	24
Accrington	16	9	3	4	23	19	21
Chesterfield	16	9	3	4	26	18	21
Workington	16	8	4	4	21	19	20
Darlington	16	8	4	4	23	19	20
Gateshead	16	7	6	3	31	19	20
Mansfield	16	9	2	5	27	24	20
Rochdale	16	6	7	3	23	19	19
Hartlepools	16	8	2	6	19	14	18
Barnsley	16	8	2	6	21	16	18
Stockport	16	7	3	6	23	24	17
York City	16	6	4	6	20	19	16
Carlisle	16	7	2	7	27	22	16
Bradford C	16	6	4	6	18	17	16
Bradford	16	5	5	6	21	25	15
Chester	16	6	2	8	16	24	14
Southport	16	5	4	7	16	24	14
Oldham	16	4	5	7	18	28	13
Wrexham	16	5	2	9	29	27	12
Grimsby	16	5	2	9	10	24	12
Crewe	16	3	5	8	22	29	11
Tranmere	16	2	6	8	17	29	10
Barrow	16	4	1	11	22	39	9
Halifax	16	2	4	10	16	21	8

Scottish League "A"

Aberdeen	7	6	0	1	21	5	12
Celtic	6	4	2	0	10	7	10
Clyde	7	4	2	1	22	14	10
Rangers	6	4	1	1	22	8	9
Raith Rovers	7	3	1	3	16	10	7
Saint Mirren	6	3	1	2	14	14	7
Hearts	4	3	0	1	12	9	6
Falkirk	6	2	2	2	6	6	6
Dundee	7	3	0	4	7	12	6
Motherwell	4	2	1	1	6	9	5
Partick	7	2	1	4	15	20	5
Hibernian	7	2	1	4	11	15	5
Queen o'South	6	1	1	4	9	15	3
Kilmarnock	6	1	1	4	6	13	3
Fort Fife	5	1	1	3	6	14	3
Stirling	7	0	1	6	5	27	1

Scottish League "B"

Hamilton	6	4	1	1	19	12	9
Stenhmuir	7	3	3	1	18	13	9
Norton	6	3	2	1	16	12	8
Third Lanark	7	3	2	2	11	12	8
Airdrie	5	2	3	0	10	11	7
Brechin City	6	3	1	2	14	13	7
Dunfermline	7	3	1	3	16	16	7
Queen's Park	4	3	0	1	11	4	6
Alloa	6	2	2	2	11	12	6
St. Johnstone	6	2	1	3	11	10	5
Ayr United	6	2	1	3	16	15	5
Albion Rovers	6	0	5	1	14	15	5
Arbroath	6	1	3	2	15	18	5
Dundee Un.	6	1	1	4	7	15	3
Forfar	6	0	2	4	12	21	2
Cowdenbeath	5	1	0	4	5	13	2

—Reuter.

CHARITY BOXING SHOW ON NOVEMBER 5

Tickets are now on sale for the big Boxing Tournament which will be held at Southern Playground Stadium, Wanchai, on November 5 at 8.30 p.m. under the distinguished patronage of Commodore A. H. Thorold, OBE, DSC, in aid of the Hongkong Sea Training School.

The card looks very promising as the majority of the Colony's best known boxers from the Services and civilians have volunteered to fight on this occasion.

Twelve good bouts are guaranteed and patrons will be helping both themselves and a worthy cause if they book their tickets early.

Tickets are now on sale at the China Fleet Club, Wan Dragon Club, and the YMCA.

BIG FIGHT WEIGH-IN

Dai Dower of Wales (left) and Jake Tuli of South Africa, the Empire Flyweight Champion, at the weigh-in in readiness for the Empire title contest at Harringay Arena, London, on October 19. The Championship changed hands when Dower won on points after 15 rounds.—Central Press Photo.

Ireland Upset Malaya In Gutierrez Shield Tournament

By "TOUCHER"

China, Portugal and Ireland entered the semi-final round of the Gutierrez Shield International Lawn Bowls Competition yesterday with pride of place going to the Ireland team who upset Malaya by 18-16.

The Hongkong rink qualified for the quarter-final against Canada by eliminating Switzerland, who fielded only three bowlers owing to the absence of Leo Gaddi who is still away from the Colony.

Hongkong will play Canada on Thursday or Friday at the Hongkong Football Club and the winner of this game will oppose China in the semi-final at the Recreio green on Saturday.

Portugal are down to play off their semi-final tie against Ireland on Sunday at the Bowling Green Club.

Playing exceptionally fine bowls to a man, the Ireland rink, consisting of J. J Kelleher, W. McColl, D. Agnew and J. H. Kinnibergh fully deserved their win against the Malayan four of M. Y. Adal, A. H. Seenin M.B. Hassan.

An extremely high standard of bowls was put up by both sides and heads invariably changed after practically every delivery.

Malaya opened with a five on the first head, but were held to 10-10 on the 11th head, 11-11 on the 13th, 14-14 on the 17th and 15-15 on the 19th.

A three on the 20th head gave Ireland a three-shot lead on the last head on which Malaya could only manage to chalk up one shot.

CHINA THROUGH

At the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, China, fielding a substitute in D. C. Lau, managed to edge out Pakistan by 27-22 after being held to 22-20 on the 18th head.

Playing on a tricky green both sides were bowling well below their usual form. Making his first big-game debut, D. C. Lau put up a creditable performance and was responsible in enabling his side to chalk up a count on a number of heads with his close touchers.

Lee, though playing below his form, put in some good woods when the occasion demanded, particularly in the 15th head when China scored a six.

Tay gave his skip some anxious moments by taking out his own second shot in a heavy draw on the 20th head to give his opponents a lie of four, but did some effective blocking with counting-blockers on the high-scoring heads.

Skip Hong Sling drew one beautiful first-shot on the 10th head with a lie of four against him but was unable to get his weight for the greater part of the game and was either short or yards through in his attempts to save a count or add in the shots.

On a green that depended mainly on which front man got to the jack first, A. R. Razack and A. M. Omar were left the lie against them in the greater number of the heads.

Razack made some fine drawing attempts, but both he and skip Omar were a little unlucky with their heavy shots.

Trailing behind by 20-22 in the 19th head, Omar had extremely bad luck when, trying to follow through a slightly front shot-wood, the object wood carried the jack with it to give China a count of four, which was increased to five by another shot by Hong Sling.

PLUCKY FIGHT

The Philippines put up a plucky fight against Portugal and kept their opponents within a two-shot lead for the greater period of the game to lose by only 16-18. The Portugal rink were, however, without their usual skip, Raoul Luz, who was unwell and had to retire during the trial heads, being replaced by "Spotty" Pereira with Joe Luz taking over the skip's role.

In the first-round game between Hongkong and Switzerland, Hongkong led all the way to win comfortably by 23-18, even without deducting the required 25 per cent of the number of shots scored by their opponents.

THE RESULTS

Results were:

Portugal (A. P. Pereira, E. M. Alarcoun, C. E. Passos, J. A. Luz) beat Philippines (Dr V. N. Atienza, C. A. Coelho, W. C. Ogley, R. Basa) 18-16.

China: (D. C. Lau, P. Lee, R. Tay, W. Hong Sling) beat Pakistan (M. I. Razack, A. H. Abbass, A. R. Razack, A. M. Omar) 27-22.

Hongkong (C. Pilo, S. F. Ip, J. Chubb, T. E. Baker) beat Switzerland (E. R. Rosselet, C. R. Rosselet, J. S. Landolt) (Triple) 23-18-4: 22-14.

Ireland beat Malaya 18-16.

Mike Hawthorn Wins Spanish Grand Prix

Barcelona, Oct. 24.

Britain's Mike Hawthorn, driving a Ferrari, won the Spanish Grand Prix motor race today.

Although there was no doubt about the placings, the officials did not announce the official result, with timings, for several hours. Then the finishing order was given as:

(1) Mike Hawthorn (Britain), Ferrari, 3 hours, 13 minutes 52.1 seconds, at an average speed of 157.734 kilometres an hour (98 m.p.h.)

(2) Luigi Musso (Italy), Maserati, 3 hours, 15 minutes and 5.3 seconds.

(3) Juan Manuel Fangio (Argentina), Mercedes, 3 hrs. 14 mins. 17.8 seconds. (79 laps).

(4) Roberto Mieres (Argentina) Maserati, 3 hrs. 15 mins. 23.6 seconds. (79 laps).

(5) Karl Kling (Germany), Mercedes, 3 hrs. 16 mins. 47.4 seconds. (79 laps).

(6) Francisco Godia (Spain), Maserati, 3 hrs. 14 mins. 42.3 seconds. (76 laps).

The race was over 80 laps, giving a total distance of 505.280 kilometres (324 miles) and the fastest lap, originally given to Harry Schell (United States), in a Maserati, was officially placed to the credit of Alberto Ascari (Italy) in a Lancia. He was timed in two minutes 20.4 seconds, an average of 162.2 k.p.h.

Schell's unofficial time of two minutes 17.8 seconds for the third lap was not confirmed by the official result.—Reuter.

Team Of Eight Bridge Tourney

The Inter-Club Team of Eight Championship for the Hongkong Contract Bridge Association Cup will begin next month.

Entries will close on Friday, November 6, and the first round will be run off in the three-week period November 10-30.

Entries, together with the entry fee of $80 per team, should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr R. E. Desai, 303 Union Building, Tel. 30991.

Present holders of the Team of Eight Cup are the Underland Bridge Club.

World Basketball Championship

Rio de Janeiro, Oct. 24.

The United States defeated Canada 59-37 and the Philippines scored a 64-52 victory over Paraguay in the two opening games of the World Basketball Tournament here last night.—United Press.

SATURDAY'S BOXING

PROFESSIONALISM ADMITTED AFTER ONE ROUND

By OUR BOXING REPORTER

The boxing show at the MacPherson Stadium on Saturday night produced plenty of action, at least one unusual incident, good boxing entertainment, and a disappointment or two.

The unusual incident came in the light welterweight bout between Cfn. Leggerton (REME) and Ng Ti-fu of the China Gym. The Chinese boy looked an experienced fighter from the moment he swung his heavily tattooed shoulders into action.

He was strong and aggressive but his appearance in the ring was shortlived.

He was quickly recognised by some of the spectators as a professional pugilist and, as this was an amateur show and he was in a contest with a Service amateur, the officials immediately cancelled the contest when Ng admitted his status at the end of the first round.... although it must be said in fairness to the soldier that he made no complaint and was in fact giving a very good account of himself.

In the main bout of the evening Henry Weng, clever and crafty as usual, got a narrow points victory over Cpl. Hilton of the North Staffs Regt. after four tough and interesting rounds.

Hilton has just arrived from Korea and once he has had a chance to get into fighting trim he is going to upset some fancied boxers in the Colony.

Cfn. Mullen, ex-Scottish Youth Champion, scored a fine win over Gilbert Hugh of the China Gym. in a hard fought light middleweight contest in which his short accurate punching was the deciding factor.

Here's one more name for your notebook—Sgt. Instructor Weaver of the Army Physical Training Corps—another recent arrival from Korea. Weaver knocked out Cfn. Burnstein with a peach of a short right to the solar plexus in the 3rd round of a lightweight bout and, although the crowd seemed to think that the blow had gone low, I saw it travelling all the way and it landed right on the target.

OTHER RESULTS

The results of the other bouts were as follows:—

Bantam: Tin Son-hung beat Cfn. Hughes on points.

Lt. Welter: Shu Kan-tong beat Cfn. Walker on points.

Light: Cpl. McGill beat Fong Yau-chun on points.

Bantam: Chan Shu-sum beat Cfn. Hay on a TKO in the 3rd Round. (Cut eye).

Bantam: Pte. Reany beat Fong Ki-kong on a TKO in the 2nd Round (Cut eye).

Bantam: Speedy Morales beat Cfn. Holland on points.

Bantam: Eddie Ko beat Cfn. Smyth on points.

The disappointments were in the organisation of the show. When high prices are charged a high degree of efficiency is expected. On this occasion it was absolutely impossible for spectators in many parts of the arena to hear the MC's unamplified voice and from the higher tiers it was only possible to follow what was going on in the ring by watching the gestures which the MC made. A public address system is essential in a stadium of this size.

Speed of presentation is also imperative. Long waits between contests or over long intervals only make the audience restive and in these times this leads inevitably to the unpleasant slow hand clap.

And finally a word of praise to the referees, Major A.C.A. Walker and QMSI Goodall, who handled a series of difficult bouts with skill, tact and impartiality.

MCC TOUR FIXTURES

A full programme of the Cricket fixtures involving the MCC tourists and the Sheffield Shield competition in Australia for the season has been received and is published for the benefit of the Colony's cricket enthusiasts.

The five Test Matches will be played at Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Sydney in that order and the dates on which these are to start are as follows: First Test—November 27 to December 2; Second Test—December 17-23; Third Test—December 31 to January 6; Fourth Test—January 28 to February 3; Fifth Test—February 25 to March 3.

Apart from these the MCC have eighteen matches—three, including the one against the Combined XI, having been played—against State and Selection XI's, two of which are from Tasmania.

The next match after the completion of the current one against the Combined side, is against South Australia at Adelaide and will commence on October 29.

One feature of the Test Matches, subject to confirmation naturally, is the fact that with the exception of the First Test, seven days have been allocated to the remaining matches. Deducting Sundays, this leaves six days for the Tests.

THE PROGRAMME

The following is the full programme.

Oct. 11-12.—MCC v Western Australian Country XI at Bunbury.

Oct. 15-19.—MCC v Western Australia at Perth.

Oct. 22-26.—MCC v Combined Team (team to include 3 Eastern State players) at Perth.

Oct. 29-Nov. 2.—MCC v South Australia at Adelaide.

Oct. 26-Nov. 2.—Queensland v New South Wales at Brisbane.

Nov. 5-9.—MCC v Australian XI at Melbourne.

Nov. 12-16. — MCC v New South Wales at Sydney.

Nov. 12-16. — South Australia v Western Australia at Adelaide.

Nov. 19-23.—MCC v Queensland at Brisbane.

Nov. 19-23.—Victoria v South Australia at Melbourne.

Nov. 27-Dec. 2.—First Test at Brisbane.

Dec. 4-6.—MCC v Queensland Country XI at Rockhampton.

Dec. 8.—MCC v Prime Minister's XI at Canberra.

Dec. 10-14. — MCC v Victoria at Melbourne.

Dec. 17-23.—Second Test at Sydney.

Dec. 24-29.—Victoria v New South Wales at Melbourne.

Dec. 25-29. — South Australia v Queensland at Adelaide.

Dec. 27-29. — MCC v New South Wales Country XI at Newcastle.

Dec. 31-Jan. 6.—Third Test at Melbourne.

Jan. 1-5. — New South Wales v Queensland at Sydney.

Jan. 8-11. — MCC v Tasmania at Hobart or Launceston.

Jan. 13-15.—MCC v Combined XI at Hobart or Launceston.

Jan. 14-18. — New South Wales v Victoria at Sydney.

Jan. 18-19.—MCC v South Australian Country XI at Mt. Gambier.

Jan. 21-25.—MCC v South Australia at Adelaide.

Jan. 21-26.—Queensland v Victoria at Brisbane.

Jan. 28-Feb. 3. — Fourth Test at Adelaide.

Feb. 5-7 or 7-9.—MCC v Victorian Country XI at Yallourn.

Feb. 11-15.—MCC v Victoria at Melbourne.

Feb. 11-15. — Western Australia v South Australia at Perth.

Feb. 18-22. — MCC v New South Wales at Sydney.

Feb. 25-Mar. 3. — Fifth Test at Sydney.

HARD COURT TOURNEY

The following were the results of Colony Hardcourt Tennis Championship matches played at the CRC yesterday.

School Boys' Singles:—Ho Cheong-po beat Tsang Wing-hon 6-2, 6-4; Fung Moon beat Iu Po-yip 6-1, 6-1; Michael Lo beat Chester Chiu 6-1, 6-3; Ng Men-cheung beat Ling Fong 6-2, 6-1.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Men's Singles:—E. Saubolle v V. T. Wang; L. T. Lee v A. Augestad.

Men's Doubles:—Choy Tin-Kin & Tsui Wai-pui v F. M. Ribeiro & F. E. Rodrigues; Ng Men-cheung & Ho Cheong-po; v Lee Wai-tong & Iu Tak-cheuk; Ho Wing-chun & Wong Shui-wing; v Edwin Tsui & K. H. Ip.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the 3rd Race Meeting 1954/55 to be held on Saturday 6th and Monday 8th November, 1954, (weather permitting), may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday 26th October, 1954.

By Order of the Stewards,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

SATURDAY'S RUGGER

CLUB A MUCH IMPROVED SIDE IN ROUTING POLICE 19-0

Says "PAK LO"

On Saturday afternoon at Causeway Bay the Club overwhelmed the Police and ran off the winners by 19 points (2 goals, 3 tries) to nil, whilst Army had to go all out to overcome what was supposed to be a weak Navy XV by 24 points (1 penalty, 3 goals, 2 tries) to 11 points (1 goal, 2 tries), in what was without doubt one of the best matches seen this season.

Police lost mainly through their three weaknesses. It was very discernible that when they did get the ball they ran straight across the field, gaining little or no ground and sometimes even losing ground.

Their tackling, with the exception of Slevin, was still of the neck-clutching variety and they hung on to the ball too long when they should have passed quickly out to the wing.

The threes cannot be blamed for everything as the forwards were invariably last down in the scrums and lost the initial shove.

Of the forwards Dawson was the best with his quick breaking and hard tackling, while behind the scrum Lelliott made good use of the few chances he got.

MUCH IMPROVED

Club on the other hand were a much improved side, though Cole was inclined to starve his threes and go through on his own on the blind side.

As, however, he did very well with this form of attack he cannot be blamed for keeping it up, but against a stronger team he will find himself in difficulties if he tries it too often.

Farquharson was missed in the lineouts which mostly developed into loose mauls, and there was little clean passing back from the lineouts.

Club attacked from the kick-off and after only four minutes Cole broke loose and scored in the corners (3-0). Club kept up the pressure but were held outside the Police 25 until the threes were sent away on the blind side and reached a position about five yards from the Police line where after a few scrums the ball came out to Turville who scored in the corner. The kick was missed. (6-0).

After this the Police really got down to it and some excellent tackling, and some good foot rushes kept the Club outside the Police 25 until half time.

This was not too big a deficit and the Police attacked immediately in the second half, and for a short time looked dangerous, but they gradually faded and Petrie gathered from one very awkward spot and cleared upfield. The Club forwards pushed their way to the Police 25, where the ball came from the scrum to Turville who sidestepped, and outran several men to hand on to Stevens to score under the posts. Stoker converted. (11-0).

ALMOST IMMEDIATELY

Almost immediately Club added more points to their score when Stevens got away in a good run and was only caught when five yards from the line. A loose maul developed and Cole got the ball and crossed the line. The long kick was missed. (14-0).

Club again attacked and Stone went off in a run which took him to well inside the Police 25 whilst Police defenders looked on apparently waiting for the referee to blow his whistle.

The Police pushed the Club back to half way and Cole, taking the ball from the lineout, broke through and took it to within five yards before being grounded.

Wilson gathered and scored well out. Stoker converted. (19-0). Police now attacked, seeming to have got their second wind, but again and again poor running by the threes allowed the Club to tackle and clear upfield.

A lovely kick by Lelliott found touch on the Club 10-yard line. Police set their threes in motion and Slevin was forced into touch by Kirkwood when only feet from the line.

However, Club won the lineout and Cole found touch with a nice kick well up field. Club were getting nicely set for yet another score when the whistle for no side went.

ARMY v NAVY

The second game was a real battle and the underdog Navy rocked Army back on their heels when in the first few minutes they secored.

However, Army had their measure and their heavier pack gave their threes many more chances which they put to good use. The Army three line looked excellent in attack but were not quite so good in defence.

Their attacks were obviously planned well in advance but they will have to tighten up their defensive play or they will find a stronger team walloping through their lines.

Navy snapped up many more openings than did their opposite numbers, and put them to good use. In fact Army looked as if it had been trained too well, and reliance seemed to be placed on regulated moves, to the exclusion of the odd breakaway by a single member on his own initiative.

Army kicked off, and before they had recovered their breath the Navy were heading for the Army line like an unstoppable battleship. The ball rolled over the line and Harris made a magnificent dive through the air, but missed the ball.

From the 25 dropout the Navy forwards took the ball to within ten yards of the Army line, won the scrum, and off went the threes to finish with a lovely dive by Jenkins as he scored in the corner. The kick was short. (0-3).

Navy kept up the attack, but now the Army gradually came into their own, and forced the Navy back to within ten yards from their own line. Some hard tackling by the Navy stopped the attack again but from a loose maul the Army threes got away and some smart passing sent Kirbetson over in the corner. Keir converted (5-3).

EXCEEDINGLY WELL

Keir playing in place of Billcoe, filled the position exceedingly well and his kicking was also very good. In fact I should think Billcoe is going to have quite a struggle to keep Keir out of the team.

The play now swayed back and forth from one side to the other with neither side being able to score, yet each in turn looking as if they might at any moment. Finally Army added to their score when Brentford with a glorious run burst through the Navy five-yard line. Navy cleared the ball to the 25, but Army gathered the loose ball and out it went across the wing to Cain who outpaced his man and the fullback to score in the corner. The kick was missed. (8-3).

Army again attacked and from a lineout on the Navy 25, the Army threes tried to break through the forwards. Navy were awarded a penalty but Patterson gathered it and sent Brentford away.

Brentford made a lot of ground before passing to Keir who, with an open field, very unselfishly passed out to Cain who scored in the corner. The conversion was missed (11-3)

It was now half time and at the interval the Navy, in an attempt to stop the Army attacks, switched Jenkins in to fly half and brought Harris out to the wing.

Army started with yet another attack and were awarded a penalty, but Keir was short with his kick. Again and again the Army's waves of attack broke on the rocky shore of the Navy hard tackling and it was Navy who opened the second half, scoring when their threes broke clear and kicked ahead.

The ball went into touch about ten yards from the line, Navy won and White broke through and scored. Anrandale converted. (11-8).

Navy attacked again and the forwards took the ball at their feet well upfield despite the Army's attempts to fall on it. Then when a score seemed in sight they kicked too far ahead and Army cleared.

FINE KICKING

This was followed by some fine kicking by Brentford which sent the Navy back to their own half of the field and on the 25 the Army were awarded a penalty which Keir put neatly between the posts to make the score 14-8.

A minute or so later, Parkinson got the ball on the Navy 25 and went clean through the Navy side to score near the posts. Keir easily converted. (19-8).

This did not dishearten the Navy who immediately returned to the attack with a long kick by Patterson. From the lineout the threes went away in a lovely move but, finding themselves well covered by the Army backs, kicked across and Howitt gathered and scored in the corner. Annandale's kick was only inches short. (19-11).

Finally just before the final whistle went, Army added yet more points to the score to emphasise to this Navy team that they were the best. From a lineout on the Navy 15-yard line the Army threes got into motion and Kirbetson went over about half way out. Keir again converted to make the final score 24-11.

Definitely a good game with the Army threes outstanding and the fine hooking by Wells, another last-minute inclusion, highly noticeable.

Annandale was, as usual, outstanding in the forwards and he was well backed by a fast pack which would be improved with the addition of a little more weight.

Finally, if this is one of Navy's weak teams, Army are due for a shock when they meet in the Pentangular.

On the Race Course ground Club "B" overcame REME without too much difficulty by 12 points to 3.

THE TEAMS

Club: Kirkwood, Inglis, Broomhall, Stoker, Stone, Turville, Cole, Hargroves, V. Russell, Rogers, Slack, Wilson, Stevens, Meffan, Petrie.

Police: Scott, McMahon, Marsh, Slevin, McNiven, Brown, Lelliott, Shelley, Dirkin, Colborne, Todd, Perry, Bryan, Carpenter, Dawson.

Army: Patterson, Ingall, Kirbetson, Keir, Cain, Brentford, Parkinson, Bevan-Thomas, Wells, Fisher, Anthony, Chisholm, McGahey, Danskin, Bowring.

Navy: [illegible]

Macao Hockey XI BEAT Hongkong

Macao, Oct. 24.

The Macao Hockey Club beat a Hongkong Selection 5-2 in a charity hockey match held in aid of the Madame Espateiro Christmas Fund.

The visitors lacked teamwork but were good individually.—France-Presse.

HKFC Win Valley Bowls Trophy

Hongkong Football Club became the first winners of the Valley Lawn Bowls Trophy presented by Messrs. Leighton Garage Ltd. when they beat Police Recreation Club yesterday on all six rinks by 162 shots to 88.

Yesterday's match was the final game of the two-round competition among the three Happy Valley Clubs — Hongkong Football Club, Police Recreation Club and the Craigengower Cricket Club.

The competition has been extremely successful in boosting up interest among the lawn bowlers in these three clubs particularly among the lady bowlers.

THE RESULTS

HKFC		PRC	
W. Thom		R. Yu	
E. Gautier		J. Fox	
E. Y. Gee		T. Kavanagh	
E. Greenwood	33	P. Lowe	13
H. K. Dowbiggin		R. Voko	
H. Van-Echten		D. O'Brien	
K. A. Baker		C. Pope	
R. C. Butler	20	G. Watts	17
P. Gardner		J. Cairns	
B. Douglass		F. A. Wong	
W. McColl		P. W. Metcalfe	
C. McLennan	26	C. Wilcox	21
H. F. Shield		J. H. Evans	
R. J. Wyper		A. E. Joes	
J. K. Sloan		R. MacKenzie	
F. Marshall	23	J. Goodman	13
K. B. Baker		V. L. Verign	
P. Cottier		R. J. Shields	
G. Clayton		G. Arliss	
J. Kinnibugh	20	G. Perkins	14
Ladies' Rink			
B. Greenwood		T. Dyer	
P. Baker		A. Arliss	
E. Gautier		P. Lowe	
S. McColl	24	C. Pope	10
	163		88

FINAL STANDINGS

	P.	W.	L.	Agg. Diff.
HKFC	4	3	1	+101
CCC	4	3	1	+87
PRC	4	1	4	—188

USSR Teams Beat Czechs At Athletics

Prague, Oct. 24.

The Soviet Union defeated Czechoslovakia in an athletic meeting held here yesterday and today. In the men's events the Soviet athletes scored 117 points to 65 for Czechoslovakia. In the women's [illegible] the USSR beat Czechoslovakia by 73 points to 10.

10-DAY RECORD

Chris Chataway, the British runner, had his revenge on Vladimir Kuts, the Russian world record holder, when he beat him by inches in the 5,000 Metres in the London-Moscow contest at White City. Picture shows the two shaking hands after the race.

But Kuts recovered the record at Prague on Saturday—exactly 10 days later—when he returned 13 minutes 51.2 seconds for the distance, four-tenths of a second faster than Chataway's world record winning time at the White City.—Central Press Photo.

Projected Asian Badminton Tour Now Unlikely

Singapore, Oct. 25.

The projected Asian Badminton Tour by leading American, British, Indian and Indonesian stars is likely to be called off, it was learned here today.

It is recalled that the Hongkong Badminton Association, which was originally contacted by Lim Chuan-geok, a former President of the Singapore Badminton Association, to sponsor the tour, withdrew its sponsorship when the Singapore Badminton Association asked for a 25 per cent reimbursement of the air passage of the participating players.

The Hongkong Association's application for the use of two Malayan players, Ong Poh Lim and Ooi Teik Hock, also failed to get the approval of the Badminton Association of Malaya which asked for "further details of the tour."

While a reply from Hongkong was awaited the Badminton Association of Malaya received a letter from the Indonesian Badminton Association stating that it was taking over the sponsorship of the Southeast Asian tour and asked for the services of Ong Poh Lim and Ooi Teik Hock.

The Badminton Association acted similarly and requested the Indonesian Badminton Association to furnish "further particulars."

It is now learned that the Indonesian Badminton Association has decided to back out of the sponsorship of the tour which was planned to include Pakistan, India, Thailand, Indonesia, Hongkong and possibly Japan.

Meanwhile Lim Chuan-geok, who is now a patron of the Badminton Association of Malaya, in a letter to the Singapore Sunday Times called upon the President, Heah Joo Seang, and the members of his Standing Committee to resign after charging them with "mishandling the affairs of a national organisation representing the World's Badminton Champions."—United Press.

NEW KITC CLUBHOUSE OPENED

The new Club House of the Kowloon Indian Tennis Club at King's Park was officially opened on Saturday afternoon by Mrs L. G. Hiranand, wife of the Club President, before a large gathering of members and guests.

Mr F. T. Melwani, past President and now Patron of the Club, thanked the guests for their attendance and proposed a toast to the Club.

Mr Hiranand thanked the Club's supporters whose donations had contributed towards the building of the new premises. He also spoke of the increased facilities in the Club and hoped that a kitchen, servants' rooms and a porch might be added as more funds become available.

The new Club House was made possible by the co-operation, generosity, goodwill, and inspiration of all of the Club's members, added Mr H. N. Harilala, Hon. Secretary of the Club.

Cocktails were served to the tunes of Indian folk music.

Among those present were the President of the India Association and Mrs R. Daswani; the President of the Indian Chamber of Commerce and Mrs N. T. Asomull; Mr U. L. Parmbi, Acting Commissioner for the Government of India; Mr G. H. A. Morris, Chairman of the Urban Council Recreation Club.

Italians The World's Fastest Rollerskaters

Bari, Italy, Oct. 24.

Italians won all seven events in the World Rollerskating Championships held here yesterday and today.

Luciano Cavallino tonight won the world speed championship over 1,000 metres.

Wanda Lazzari, also of Italy, won the 500 metres event for women, becoming world champion in this category.

Gelo Valli won the 5,000 metres event. Loriano Lori won the 20,000 metres contest after having already won the 10,000 metres event.—France-Presse.

Hsu Retains CCC Tennis Title

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HOME RUGGER

BARROW WIN LANCASHIRE CUP FINAL

London, Oct. 23.

Results of rugger matches played today were:

Lancashire Cup Final

Barrow 12 Oldham 2 (played at Swinton).

Yorshire Cup Final

Halifax 22 Hull 14 (played at Leeds).

Rugby League

Featherstone Rovers 27 Doncaster 0; Hull Kingston Rovers 12 Huddersfield 29; Keighley 33 Wakefield Trinity 10; Saint Helens 30 Whitehaven 3; Warrington 45 Bradford Northern 7; Wigan 39 Blackpool Borough 3; Workington 7 Salford 0; York 14 Hunslet 12.

Rugby Union

County Championship matches:—Cornwall 3 Somerset 0 (played at Redruth); Devon 3 Gloucestershire 13 (played at Exeter).

Club Matches.—Blackheath 17 Northampton 5; Guy's Hospital 8 Plymouth 3; Harlequins 14 Paris University 0; London Hospital 11 Rugby 11; Old Alleynians 12 St Mary's Hospital 12; Old Paulines 8 Birmingham 9; Richmond 17 Cambridge University 18; Rosslyn Park 16 Old Merchants Taylors 8; Abertavon 5 Swansea 0; Barnstaple 0 Cardiff 6; Bath 16 Taunton 0; Bedford 6 London Scottish 0; Bridgwater and Albion 21 London University 7; Bristol 3 Saracens 3; Cardiff 14 Neath 11; Cross Keys 22 Newport 11; Devonport Services 3 Old Cranleigh [illegible]

Germans Win Third Athletic Match

Tokyo, Oct. 24.

The visiting German athletes beat a Japanese team by 90 points to 81 in the two-day athletic match —the third of the series— which ended today at Tobata City in Kyushu.

Twenty-five thousand spectators filled the stadium. The German team won all the events except the Hop, Step and Jump, in which no German athletes took part.

THE RESULTS

Today's results were:

200 Metres Dash — 1. Heinz Futterer 21.0 seconds, 2. Hans Geister 21.8 seconds, 3. Kanji Akagi 22.2 seconds.

5,000 Metres — 1. Herbert Schade 14 minutes 25.4 seconds (new Japanese all-comers' record), 2. Susumu Takahashi 15 minutes 17.6 seconds, 3. Kenji Ishii 15 minutes 42.8 seconds.

High Jump—1. Werner Bahr 1.90 metres, 2. Takeshiko Nakajima 1.85 metres.

400 Metres Low Hurdles—1. Heinz Ulzheimer 53.8 seconds, 2. Tetsuro Yasunari 53.8 seconds, 3. Olaf Lawrenz 54.0 seconds.

Shot Put — 1. Karl Oweger 14.65 metres, 2. Yoshio Kojima 14.11 metres.

Javelin Throw—1. Heiner Will 66.28 metres, 2. Shidehiko Nakagawa 59.38 metres.

100 Metres Dash—1. Werner Lueg [illegible] seconds, 2. [illegible] minutes [illegible]

WEEK-END SOFTBALL

Pandas Overrun The Braves In A Fifth Inning Rally

A powerful Panda contingent overran the Braves in a fifth inning rally to beat the latter 6-3 in a thrilling game before a record crowd at King's Park yesterday afternoon. Pandas' ace hurler Jackie Wei shone in keeping the Tribesmen well under control.

Pandas went out quickly at the start and Braves scored first when Eddie Loureiro got on first on a walk, then to second after Yvanovich fouled out and Tony Osmund's fly was missed by Pandas' right-fielder Dickie Lau.

Both advanced one more base on a wild pitch by Jackie Wei. Manuel Guterres sacrificed by pulling out a long fly to the left and Loureiro dashed in to score the first run. Then Antonio Guterres singled to left and Osmund came home to give the Braves a two-run lead.

Both sides tried in vain in the second though Raymond Tsao of Pandas collected a two-bagger and got on third after one down.

In the third inning, Pandas' second sacker Willie Woo grounded a safety to centre after one down. L. C. Poon grounded again and Willie was safe on second when Eddie Loureiro fumbled the throw by Antonio Guterres and failed to make a force-out.

Y. S. Liang got a timely hit deep into centre field and Willie Woo dented the rubber just before Buji Dhabher's throw-in. Pandas' L. C. Poon would have scored if it wasn't for a fast throw home by Eddie Loureiro on Raymond Tsao's grounder. Manuel Guterres ended the Pandas' assault by catching the long fly hit by Philip Hsu.

Both retired in the fourth three straight down and Pandas were still trailing one run behind.

THE SPLURGE

In the fifth canto, Wally Ma of Pandas singled to the centre and stole second safely on a slide. Willie Woo grounded a hit in the same direction and Wally Ma was in scoring position. L. C. Poon popped out and Y. S. Liang reached first safely when Eddie Loureiro faltered with the ball.

Now the bases were loaded with one down. Raymond Tsao came to bat. He hit the ball hard on the ground and it bounced high off the tip of hot corner guardian Tony Osmund's glove. Antonio Guterres was out of reach and both Wally Ma and Willie Woo crossed the plate before Manuel Guterres raced in to retrieve the ball.

Philip Hsu now stepped to plate and succeeded in slamming out another hot roller just off the key sack. Dhabher's fast throw-in was just short off the plate but dashing Y. S. Liang slid in from the key sack a split second earlier.

In the meantime, as Philip Hsu was trying for the second, catcher Frankie Correa made a wrong move by throwing to second forgetting that Raymond Tsao was on third. Chief Ed was heart-broken when Frankie Loureiro's throw was wide off range and before Dhabher could recover the ball both Raymond Tsao and Philip Hsu raced across the home plate. The rally was over when the following two Pandas batters were retired, but the damage was done.

Though Joey Franco and Tony Osmund each collected a hit on the offence, the Tribesmen were sent out without any score.

In the sixth Braves tried hard to regain lost ground. Shortstop Antonio Guterres singled to the left, Buji Dhabher grounded out and advanced Antonio Guterres to second. Antonio gained another base when Jackie Wei made a wild pitch. Frankie Loureiro walked and Antonio Guterres dented the rubber when they tried a double steal successfully. Manager Carvalho sent in pinch-hitter Jock Brown but he was struck out and last batter Joey Franco flied out to end the inning.

STILL HITTING

Pandas were still hitting hard in the last inning and Poon, Liang, and Tsao each annexed one hit more. Though Poon was snipped off on a steal to second, Liang and Tsao succeeded in reaching third and second respectively. Chief Ed had to switch in Jock Brown to the mound and he unfailingly retired the next two batters to end the Pandas' attack.

Now the Tribesmen were on their final turn at bat, but Pandas' superb fielding nullified all their efforts. Jackie Wei struck out Eddie Loureiro with a beautiful in-curve first. Though Calau Yvanovich reached first station on an error, Tony Osmund and Manuel Guterres all flied out to end the thrill-packed game.

Chucker Jackie Wei of Pandas yielded four scattered hits and his team mates collected nine off Joey Franco. The former struck out four, walked two and the latter issued two free passages and struck out none. Both teams erred four times.

The other Senior "A" game between the Warriors and U.S. Navy was a close fight also. However, the sailors got the upper hand from the fourth inning when they rallied in six runs. Warriors battled their way to close the gap to one run down in the sixth. The sailors again widened it with three runs in the last to end the game at 14-10.

In the Ladies' League, the South China nine almost staged an upset against the Colleens "A" the year's Champions. The Chinese girls outhit their opponents and were leading until the sixth when their fielding collapsed under the continuous pounding by the sturdy redshirts.

The fair Colleens collected five runs each in the fifth and sixth and edged out their desperate opponents by two runs. The final score was 12-10.

Wahoos "B" overwhelmed the Overseas Ladies 28-12. Myra Cruz and Angela D'Aquino homered for the former.

In the only Senior "B" game between the Pandas "B" and the Americans, the latter nosed out the former in the last inning rally by 7-6. Pandas were leading 6-0 at the end of the sixth canto.

The Junior League game saw Wah Ying walloop the Overseas Juniors 20-2 in a five-inning game.

Saturday's results were: Dukes beat the Pandas Juniors 9-2, Blackhawks "B" shellacked the South China Juniors 26-1, Pandas Ladies overran the Colleens "B" 25-10.

AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF PORTUGAL MACAU MOTOR RACES 30th & 31st October 1954

The first motor racing meet organised on the China coast will be held in the Portuguese Colony of Macau on the above dates, by gracious permission of H.E. The Governor, Admiral J. M. Esparteiro, and with the full co-operation of the Officials of the Macau government.

The First Race will be a Speed Reliability Trial to be held on the Guia Circuit. This event will start at 1.00 p.m. on the 30th.

The second event will be the Grand Prix of Macau over the Guia Circuit, commencing at NOON precisely on the 31st and continuing for four hours.

Prior to the Grand Prix there will be an Official Opening of the Circuit by H.E. the Governor and Madame Esparteiro. This will commence at 11.30 a.m.

There will be official Grand Prix practices on the 30th from 7.30 to 9.00 a.m., and after the First Race for about one hour. Also on the 31st from 8.00 to 9.00 a.m.

During the Practices and the Races the whole area of the Circuit will be closed to all foot and vehicular traffic.

Admission the general area will be 50 cents at the entrances. There will be about 500 chairs for hire in certain areas and about 1,300 seats in the four covered Grandstands.

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		3.00 p.m.	s.s. Tai Loy
		Midnight	s.s. Takshing
	31st	8.00 a.m.	s.s. Fatshan
Dept. Macau:	31st	6.00 p.m.	s.s. Takshing
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This Dividend is payable on or after 19th November 1954.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be closed from 10th November to 19th November 1954 both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
L. B. STONE,
General Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd Sept., 1954.

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By Order of the Board,
LAU TAK PO,
Managing Director.

Hongkong, 1st October, 1954.

NOTICE

KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

NEW POST OFFICE BOX NUMBER

Will members of the Public and the Kowloon Residents' Association please note that with effect from 1st November 1954, our New Post Office Box Number will be 5752 and that all communications should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Kowloon Residents' Association P.O. Box No. 5752.

H. M. G. FORSGATE,
Hon. Secretary.

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A Flying Gondolier

Frankfurt, Oct. 24.

A London bus driver, a gondolier from Venice, a Paris taxi-driver, a Dutch pilot, a ship's master from Norway, a Copenhagen postman and a German locomotive driver are flying together to Australia on October 31.

They are some of the representatives of European traffic and transport services who will be flying aboard the first Royal Dutch (KLM) airlines' super-Constellation flight to Sydney. It is due to take 23 hours.

In Australia they will be guests of transport authorities for eight days and visit Sydney, Melbourne and other parts of the country.—China Mail Special.

Anti-Enosis Parade In London

London, Oct. 24.

More than 2,000 Turks and Cypriots, members of the Cyprus - Turkey Association, paraded in Hyde Park here today as a protest against "Enosis"—the movement to unite Cyprus with Greece.

Those who took part in the parade brandished slogans condemning the Enosis. They also carried Turkish flags and banners urging Greece to behave correctly.

Members of the Association made several speeches in Hyde Park. There were no incidents.—France-Presse.

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By Elmer Walzer

New York, Oct. 24.

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Nearly 13,000,000 shares were sold that day. In the week that followed, sales totalled 57,256,000 shares—more than any week before or since—and value of all stocks plummeted $12,000,000,000.

More than one broker cracked under the strain and leaped to his death on the crowded pavements of Wall Street. It was the kick-off of the great depression.

Today, the stock market is closer to that fateful 1929 than at any time in the intervening years. However, this time there's something more than blue sky underneath the rise, and the experts say the big crash can never happen again.

The top point of the 1929 market found the Dow-Jones industrial stock average at 381.17. The close of a typical day last week found it at 357.42, in the midst of a steady rise that has gone on for months. However, the similarity ends right there.

Mr Keith Funston, President of the Exchange, says today's market is so fundamentally different from the 1929 days that no valid comparison can be made. For one thing, he pointed out, in the old days brokerage accounts could be built up on a five per cent margin—buying $10,000 worth of stock for $500. Today, the same purchase would require $5,000 or a 50 per cent margin.

Difference

Another difference is that the turnover is much smaller now on the basis of shares listed in New York. In 1929, the trading in one year represented 119 per cent of the 1,000,000,000 shares listed. Or the equivalent of more than a complete turnover. In 1954, with 3,000,000,000 shares listed, volume traded at the rate of 16 per cent a year.

"The low turnover today, the limited use of credit, the investment character of the market, the ready availability of investment information and the legal protection afforded the investor makes one thing clear—whatever it may be, 1954 is not 1929," Mr Funston said.—United Press.

More Iranian Officers To Die

Teheran, Oct. 24.

A Teheran court martial tonight sentenced to death five of seven Iranian Air Force officers who constituted the fourth group of officers charged with treason for alleged participation in Communist organisations. The other two officers of this group were sentenced to life imprisonment.

A total of 33 death sentences and ten sentences of life imprisonment have thus far been handed down since the discovery of an alleged officers' conspiracy. Ten of the death sentences have so far been carried out.—France-Presse.

Monty's Wreath For Rommel

Cairo, Oct. 24.

A wreath of poppies was placed today on the monument to German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, the "Desert Fox" of the World War II African campaign, on the orders of his conqueror, Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, who is now Deputy Commander of SHAPE.

The monument is in the Italian-German cemetery of Tel Issa. About ten miles from the cemetery, a memorial erected by the British Commonwealth in honour of those who gave their lives in the desert was unveiled.

To commemorate the 12th anniversary of the Battle of El Alamein, Field Marshal Montgomery returned to the desert for the first time.—France-Presse.

Stahlhelm Disturbances In Berlin

Berlin, Oct. 24.

Police arrested and later released ten persons in disturbances which took place during a concert-meeting of the "Stahlhelm," German war veterans organisation, in West Berlin today.

Six of the ten had come from East Berlin. The incident occurred when persons hostile to the Stahlhelm, an organisation with nationalistic tendencies, attempted to start a debate outside the meeting hall.

A spokesman for the association claimed that RIAS, the American radio station, had shown great lack of tact by asserting that there would be dancing at the meeting, which was being held during Remembrance Week, observances [illegible]

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN — By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

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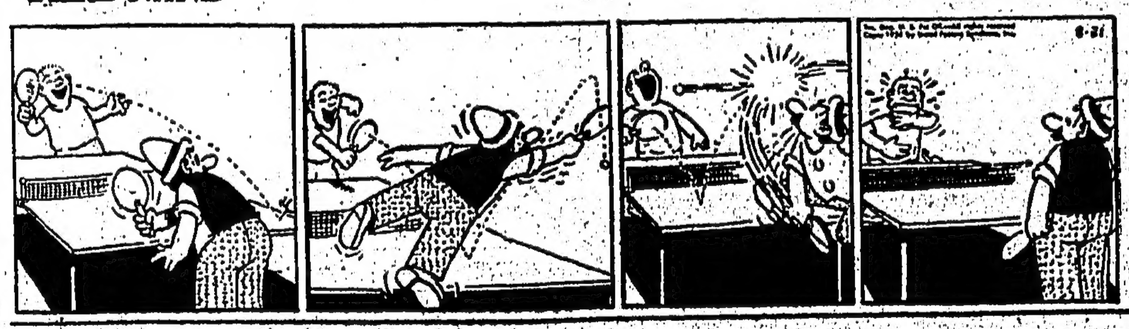

NANCY — By Ernie Bushmiller

BLACK MAGIC
ASSORTED CHOCOLATES

JOHNNY HAZARD — By Frank Robbins

Mr Arthur Deakin, General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union (left) and Mr Arthur Bird, the Union's docks chief, arrive at the Ministry of Labour in St James' Square, London. They held talks—which were fruitless—with the Minister, Sir Walter Monckton, on the strike.—Reuterphoto.

Don't Laugh At Gable And Granger On African Safari

Johannesburg, Oct. 24.

Life in Africa today can still be man's battle with the jungle—in spite of all colour problems, uranium shares and overnight air services to London.

Some may be tempted to laugh at Hollywood's "jungle films" and all the synthetic dangers which they make a million-dollar star suffer in an hour and a half.

But the fact remains that, films apart, there is still plenty of real, everyday adventure left here.

Two European farmers in South West Africa found it so recently when they became involved in desperate bare-handed fights with leopards.

As Mr Jack Petersen, a farmer in the Windhoek district, leapt from his lorry to shoot a leopard sighted on his estate, another one sprang on him from behind. In the struggle, he choked the beast unconscious and then killed it with a blow on the head from his rifle butt. He was taken to hospital badly mauled on face and arms.

Another farmer, Mr Fritz Knoke, from Omaruru, South West Africa, went to hospital severely mauled after strangling a leopard to death. The leopard, which had been trapped, broke loose and attacked him. He strangled it with his left hand after thrusting his right hand into its jaws.

A leopard on the roof of a house at Njakwa, near Rumpi, in northern Nyasaland, was ready to spring on the house-owner, Mr P. Coates, as he walked out through the front door, when friends driving up in a car saw it and shot it.

The friends, Mr and Mrs J. Gifkins, had already seen the leopard and were approaching the house cautiously with a shotgun when Mr Coates came to the door. Until Mr Gifkins fired, Mr Coates had no idea what all their warning shouts were about.

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Mr J. G. Meyer, Assistant Superintendent of Police at Mbulu, in Tanganyika, had just opened the back door of his house one night when a large leopard sprang in and pounced on a small pet dog.

The leopard dropped the dog and made off into the night when Mr Meyer swung a blow at its head with a lamp he was carrying.

Later that night, after a long vigil, the leopard was shot while killing fowls in the policeman's poultry yard.

Two dogs saved the life of an African native by attacking a leopard which had mauled the African while he was hunting for honey in the bush on the Victoria Falls road, in Southern Rhodesia.

The African, with three dogs, had been following a honey bird, hoping that it would lead to a bee's nest. Instead, the dogs disturbed a leopard feeding on a small deer. The native turned to run, but the leopard sprang on his back, half scalping him.

Crouching, cowered, the African threw the leopard over his head, mauling it in its neck with his teeth. But the wounded animal bit through the native's shoulder. When the dogs [illegible] the African [illegible] a tree for safety when dusk fell. Shortly afterwards a lion began prowling round the tree. Makayi poured some petrol he was carrying down on to the beast and then set fire to it by dropping a lighted handkerchief on it.

The lion ran off in flames.

Two lions leapt over a bush pole fence nearly 12 feet high to attack five donkeys in a kraal (compound) at Pretorius Kop in the Kruger National Park, in the South African province of Transvaal.

Four of the donkeys were killed and a fifth mauled before the lions were discovered. In a panic, they escaped by charging through the fence. A park game ranger, Henry Wolhunter, knew from long experience that they would probably return the next night. They did. He shot them both.

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Lions from the park area awoke Mr Frank Ivens with their roars at a farm where he was staying one night. Driving out with a native servant in a van, he searched for an hour without finding them. Suddenly, the native shone a torch, dazzling a lion and, lioness only 20 yards from the van.

Mr Ivens fired wounding the lioness which disappeared into the bush. It was too dangerous to follow at night so he returned at sunrise. Picking up its tracks, he was hunting the wounded animal when his native servant shouted that the lioness was coming for them.

A shot in the shoulder at only 12 paces failed to stop the enraged beast which pounced on the African, mauling and biting his leg. The African was still struggling with it when a closer shot killed the beast.

Elephants, frequently met by motorists in Central Africa, often resent the intrusion.

One attacked a car being driven by an engaged couple along a country road in Uganda. The car was reversed at top speed for over 100 yards with the elephant lumbering after it until the brow of a hill hid it from view. The elephant then gave up.

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In Rhodesia, two youths narrowly escaped with their lives when elephants attacked their car which came on a small herd suddenly round a bend in the road. Scrambling to safety, the youths emerged from hiding later to find their car overturned and wrecked.

Bomb disposal units working in Africa have found their job more exciting than they seem in their profession. A game guard escort in one party was shot to bits by an elephant, wounded for some hours before [illegible] the man gently down on the ground. The ranger stayed motionless. The elephant then built a bower of branches over him and walked off.

Crocodiles, the most hated inhabitant of Africa, take a number of African victims every year in the tropical rivers and estuaries.

Inspector A. W. Wicks, of the Northern Rhodesia Police, saved a native woman's life by shooting a crocodile which had seized the woman's arm as she was washing on the banks of the Zambesi River. — China Mail Special.

Rolls Royce May Power U.S. Plane

New York, Oct. 24.

Proposals for fitting British Rolls Royce engines to a future American Douglas turbo-prop airliner, the DC-7D, have been discussed with a number of airlines, in addition to the British Overseas Airways Corporation, a spokesman for the Douglas Company said here.

The DC-7D, specially planned for turbo-prop propulsion, is still in the design stage but the trade publication, American Aviation, said the aircraft should be ready for delivery in 1959.

It had been reported earlier from Washington that BOAC were negotiating to buy at least 10 DC-7D planes. The negotiations were said to require only the permission of the British Government. — China Mail Special.

Evacuation Of Trieste

Trieste, Oct. 24.

The British aircraft carrier, Centaur, and the anti-submarine frigates, Whirlwind and Roebuck, arrived here today from Malta to embark men of the First Battalion of the Royal Regiment and the Second Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers.

Major General Sir John Winterton, Allied Military Governor, will travel to Malta in one of the frigates after handing over to the Italian military governor, General Edmundo de Renzi, on Tuesday, at 10 a.m.

From Malta, the troops will fly to Brigham, in York, and Hastings aircraft of the Royal Air Force Transport Command [illegible] and December 17. [illegible]

TRADE and ADVERTISING SECTIONS

Chancellor's Stocks Never Higher

WINS FURTHER PLAUDITS AT CITY DINNER

From Our Own Correspondent

London, Oct. 25.

Mr Butler's popularity grows almost daily. Fresh from his resounding success at the Tory Convention, his "one night stand" in the City of London won him further plaudits. Indeed the Chancellor's stock has never been higher than at this moment.

Mr Butler deserves his applause. His policies though not very popular have proved remarkably successful—and none more so than his policy for strengthening Britain's external position.

At the Merchants and Bankers dinner last week Mr Butler revealed that in the first six months of this year Britain had had a surplus on the current account of £184 million. And that was before counting £24 million of defence aid.

In the first half of the year Britain's earnings were therefore running at an annual rate of £300 million—the figure mentioned by Mr Butler in the spring of last year as the minimum necessary to enable this country to strengthen her reserves, repay old debts and play her full part in Commonwealth development.

The record on all three scores is much better than most people had expected. The sterling area's dollar reserves have risen by £137 million in the first nine months of the year. On top of that a total of £75 million of debt has been repaid to the International Monetary Fund and Britain's creditors in the European Payments Union. Meanwhile, Britain has continued to invest "considerable sums" abroad.

COMPARISON

The first six months' surplus compares with one of only £13 million in the same period of last year. But whereas the surplus increased by a further £110 million between the first and second halves of 1953 a much slower rate of improvement is expected in the current six months. This is because exports are increasing at a slower rate than that in the earlier months of this year while imports have shown an upward tendency.

The balance of payments is certainly not in danger, but neither Mr Butler nor "the authorities" are displaying over-confidence. In fact, judging by the tenor of the speeches at the Manor House last week they are inclined to stress the delicacy of the present balance of the economy.

Mr Butler recalled that last year he said the Government was steering a course between the primrose path and the waste land—that is between inflation and deflation.

PRIMROSES NEARER

"This year the primroses are a little bit nearer," he went on. "I don't propose that we should daily and pick many of them. There is much more waste land in view, but we must be careful cultivators of our national estate."

Mr C. F. Cobbold, Governor of the Bank of England, sounded a similar note of caution.

"I would judge," he said, "that the economy at the moment is running at high speed but still on a fairly even keel—with the barometer rather more towards inflation than deflation. I see little in the monetary or credit picture to suggest that we are running beyond a healthy active economy. Nevertheless, we shall do well to be watchful and to remember that the margin between healthy activity and a less healthy boom is only a narrow one."

Sir John Braithwaite, Chairman of the Stock Exchange, touched upon the danger of inflation but went further and named the culprit—high taxation.

DIVIDENDS DEFENDED

He defended the recent rise of company dividends which he declared "has not yet advanced beyond their proper level in the inflated economy." Nor, in his opinion, would this situation come about because the claims for renewals and expansion of "investment in [illegible]" would [illegible] of [illegible] however [illegible] in this respect were disappointed. He described the first half year's budget figures as "encouraging" but added that it would not be right to build "extravagant hopes" on them.

While he had every hope of holding down Government expenditure he reminded his audience of the "absolute need" for a strong defence programme and of the importance of social services and home agriculture which it was his absolute intention to support. The Chancellor reiterated what he had said earlier to the Tory Convention: That Britain's economic prosperity depends on sound and steady expansion of her industrial capacity.

FAR-SIGHTED DECISIONS

"The need today," he said, "is for far-sighted decisions to expand capacity and increase efficiency by an ever increasing use of modern machinery and new techniques. This year's decision to increase efficiency and to expand industrial capacity determine how much we shall be able to produce three, four or five years hence—and at what cost we produce it."

Industrialists argue, however, that investment would go ahead at a much faster rate if industry was relieved of some of its present heavy burden of taxation. And they have powerful support from the investing public who agree with Sir John Braithwaite that "the present rates of taxation remain a crippling handicap upon industry and upon the whole economy."

Big Russian Meat Imports

Washington, Oct. 24.

The Soviet Union has become one of the biggest meat-importing countries in the world, the United States Department of Agriculture publication, Foreign Crops and Markets, said today.

The publication said the Soviet Union had bought during the first 10 months of the year 18 times more meat than in all of 1953. This year's Soviet meat purchases, chiefly from France, Uruguay and Denmark, totalled 108,000 tons as compared with total purchases for last year of 6,700 tons.

Foreign Crops and Markets attributed this increase in Soviet meat imports to the Soviet Government's desire to raise the population's standard of living. — France-Presse.

SINGAPORE RUBBER MARKET REVIEW

Singapore, Oct. 24.

The Singapore rubber market had another very active week punctuated at times with irregular and wide fluctuations.

According to the weekly report of Holiday Cutler, Bath and Co., Ltd, good offtake by the United States and Europe reversed an earlier quiet position while the London dock strike accentuated the shortage of physical stocks there available to the industry.

Other factors helping to make the Singapore market buoyant included reports that Indonesia was negotiated to sell about 100,000 tons to Russia and that Ceylon had concluded a barter agreement to supply 50,000 tons to China.

It was learned that manufacturers in the United States have ample stocks of crude rubber purchased at much lower levels and to be using up these stocks to avoid buying at these higher prices. The estimated consumption for the month of September in the United States is 106,567 tons of which 52,692 tons is natural rubber.

Prices ruling in Singapore market on Friday were: spot loose, at 77⅞ cents a pound, No. 1 thin crepe, 87 cents.

Saturday's prices closed as follows:

No. 1 rubber per lb.	
November	77⅛-78
December	77-13/16-77-15/16
January	unquoted
No. 3 rubber per lb.	
November	77¼-77¾
No. 3 rubber per lb.	
November	77⅛-76¾
No. 4 rubber per lb.	
November	75⅛-75⅝
Spot rubber unbaled	77⅞-78
Blanket crepe	73½-74
No. 1 pale crepe	85½-86½

—United Press.

The Bank Of England Statement

London, Oct. 24.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended Oct. 20, reads as follows:—

Note in circulation	sterling 1,836,072,402
Public deposits	15,806,603
Private deposits	361,833,250
Government securities	224,361,622
Other securities	19,271,282
Reserve	41,597,961
Ratio	31.0

—United Press.

The Bank Of France Statement

Paris, Oct. 24.

The Bank of France statement for the week ended Oct. 14, reads as follows:

	Francs
Total gold holding	[illegible]
Total foreign currencies	[illegible]
Net balance abroad	[illegible]
Advances to Government	[illegible]
Advances to Treasury	[illegible]
Total bills discounted	[illegible]
Current accounts and deposits	[illegible]
Bank notes in circulation	[illegible]

—United Press.

US TEXTILE MARKET REVIEW

New York, Oct. 24.

Cotton goods sellers became a little more puzzled this week when the long-expected revival of buying failed to materialise.

Instead of a brightening picture, the situation in pivotal cotton grey goods numbers became dimmer with the appearance of re-sale offerings at good concessions from the mill level.

The uncertain course of raw cotton prices, with the chance that the crop will turn out much better than originally expected, along with election and business uncertainties, continued to keep a damper on buying interest.

Converters said "a terrific amount of sampling" has been going on, among piece goods buyers and garment manufacturers for holiday and spring wear promotions.

But despite the optimism on sampling, they said long range contracts buying has become road-blocked by the refusal of the inventory-conscious wholesaler and retailer to break away from the policy of "I'll order what I need now and re-order later if necessary."

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Industrial Share Index Hits All-Time High

From Our Own Correspondent

London, Oct. 24.

Despite the widening of the dock strike, which has already held up £35 million worth of exports, industrial shares went from strength to strength on the London Stock Exchange last week.

Factors which sustained the boom were: first, the evidence of the growth of British industry exemplified by Ford's £65-million development plan; second, the recovery of the pound on the world's foreign exchange markets; and last, but by no means least, Mr Butler's disclosure that Britain had £184 million surplus on the current account in the first half of the year.

The recovery on Wall Street and the end of the London bus strike also helped sentiment in the London market.

Industrial shares surged ahead, lifting the Financial Times index more than five points to a new all-time peak of 180.4 in the first four days of the week.

FORD'S PLAN

Ford's plan to spend £65 million on development in the next five years was a tonic to the market on Tuesday and the first day of the new account. The Company's shares have risen 6s 9d to 83s and other motor shares moved up in sympathy.

In a strong stores section Marks and Spencers "A" shares have risen 7s 7½d to 77s 1½d, after touching a new peak of 78s 6d.

I.C.I. have also had a good week, rising to a new peak of 42s 7½d, a net gain of 3s 3d.

The gilt-edged market experienced a steady stream of buying orders and some useful gains were registered. War Loan 3½ per cent was 15s up on the week at £91 15s.

OIL MARKET

The oil market, too, had a busy week and at one time dealers were said to be swamped with orders. Anglo-Iranians and Burmahs were again in the lead, the former rising 17s 6d to £18 2s 6d, and the latter 7s 4½d to £5 18s.

West Indian oil issues have also been in demand. Trinidad leaseholds are up 2s to 32s 3d.

A mid-week improvement in gold shares was not held and prices dipped sharply before the weekend.

Coppers recovered strongly in the first half of the week, but turned distinctly easier later on.

Teas were again strong on the fresh rise in price of the commodity and rubbers showed a slightly higher tendency.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET REVIEW

By William Plunkett

New York, Oct. 24.

Cotton traders this week found the line of least resistance on the downside.

Losses up to $1.00 a bale pushed the nearby positions to the lowest level since late August—$5.00 a bale below the seasonal highs made just two weeks ago.

At Friday's close the general list was 20 to 32 points — 1 to 1.60 a bale — lower than the preceding week.

The nearby positions closed on lower ground for seven sessions in a row, carrying December well below its recent resistance point of 34¾ cents a pound.

Market technicians said the action was simply explained—an increasing volume of hedge selling kept running in excess of a good demand from domestic mills and exporters.

New speculative interest was dormant. Outside traders transferred attention to securities and other commodity markets while waiting for the supply-demand picture in cotton to come into clearer focus.

Buyers were hesitant about following the rallies because of a lingering belief that the Government crop report for November again will show a substantial increase.

One observer summed the picture up this way: Even though it is generally agreed that prices will have to work higher ultimately to attract additionally needed cotton from the loan to fill estimated consumption "the lack of immediate bullish incentives deters traders unwilling to await longer term results." — United Press.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

By Elmer Walzer

New York, Oct. 24.

Railroad shares all but negotiated their high since 1930 and industrials made up much of the recent loss in the past week.

Industrials closed with a gain of 8.41 points on the week at 358.61. The rails rose 2.19 points to finish at 120.55 in their average. The high since 1930 in the latter is 120.73. Utilities lost two cents.

Higher earnings reports and favourable dividend actions here and anticipated helped lift prices higher on the market.

Demand for stocks ran at a fairly high rate although at times trading lightened from the recent pace. There was a tendency to buy stocks on the basis of favourable dividend action here and to come.

STEELS SOUGHT

Steels were bid up on the belief that the big companies would do something handsome for the stockholders in the coming week.

Aircraft firmed when Douglas reported sharply higher earnings and declared an extra dividend.

Oils moved up as gasoline inventories declined.

Cement issues were treated to new highs with several making wide gains. This industry is reporting sharply higher earnings and a highly favourable outlook because of big construction programmes here and in the offing.

Good demand developed from time to time in some groups as the [illegible] [illegible] steels, [illegible] steamships, [illegible] [illegible]

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to $377,267.20. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank	1840	1870	
East Asia	200		
INSURANCES			
Union	930	935	50 @ 932½
Lombard		45	
SHIPPING			
Asia, Nav.	77c.	2500 @ 76c.	
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf	68½	69	100 @ 68½
Dock	21.60	22	500 @ 21.50
Provident (O)	14.30	14/70	
Wheelock	7½	7.80	200 @ 7.70
			1000 @ 7.75
			1000 @ 7.80
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	10.80	11	900 @ 10.80
HK Land	58	60½	200 @ 58
Humphreys	10.30	10.40	1000 @ 10.30
Realty (O)	2.30	2.40	
UTILITIES			
Tram	10.40	10.50	100 @ 10.40
Star Ferry	125	126	100 @ 125
Telephone			
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C. Light (O)	18.50	[illegible]	[illegible]
C. Light (N)	18.50	19.50	100 @ 19.50
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From Our Files

100 Years Ago

AUSSIE XI?

We are requested to warn parents against permitting their children to stray in the neighbourhood of the Cricket Ground. One child narrowly escaped being seriously injured by a ball this evening.

Lighthouse Wanted

We have much pleasure in inserting the following communication on the subject of a Lighthouse on Pratas Island, and hope it may induce one of the Chambers of Commerce, or the heads of some of our principal mercantile establishments, to take the matter, earnestly in hand. Experience has taught us the futility of looking to Government for the adoption of any steps in such matters, unless it is compelled to do so by the urgent representations of the Press, or of men of such standing as to command attention; and the efforts of such individuals could scarcely be bestowed on a better cause than that to which our correspondent is now anxious to direct public attention:—

To the Editor of the "China Mail."

Hongkong, 12th October, 1854.

Sir,—A certain number of disasters at sea are expected to occur every year, but in these waters the number might be greatly reduced by the erection of a Lighthouse on the Pratas Shoal, or more properly speaking, on the Island within the Pratas Shoal. The general impression is, that the erection of lighthouses appertains to the department, and in this special case H.M.'s ships having been sufferers also, it has probably been concluded that sooner or later H. M.'s Government would take the matter in hand, and for this reason no move has been made amongst the public. But if now we find that the attention of Government is preoccupied by more pressing matters, in my opinion the erection of a Lighthouse on the Pratas Island may well be taken in hand by the public, and it only requires a sufficiently influential man, or body of men, to take the lead, to insure a successful result.

On the benefit of a Lighthouse on the Pratas Island, I need not dwell. It will prevent disasters, by showing the mariner that he has drifted close to the reefs, when in most instances he will be enabled to come to a comparatively safe anchorage near the shoal. It will allow him to get correct bearings, when otherwise misty foggy weather would retard his progress for weeks, while the light of neither sun nor stars was visible.

The cost and expense are matters of great importance, in order to enable us to ascertain the means required.

A substantial building, with lanterns 60 feet above the level of the Island, dwellings for an overseer and twelve men with their families, including the expense of transporting the granite and other material, the labour, the cost of two whale-boats, and a small craft to keep up communication with Hongkong,—I am assured by a practical man may be had at a cost of $50,000; while the yearly expense in wages, all repairs, &c., may be estimated at $5,000, exclusive of interest. Towards these sums—which, if required to be doubled, I feel certain could easily be procured by public subscription—every Insurance Office in England, on the Continent, and in America, would willingly contribute, to improve the risks in these waters; and every merchant and every seafaring man in China would be glad to subscribe.

If the building be erected by public subscription, Government may be induced to allow a tax to be levied similar to the dues for Horsburgh's Lighthouse, and judging from this precedent, there would then be a yearly surplus beyond the requirements. But even should Government refuse all assistance, public subscriptions will not be wanting in support of a lighthouse on Pratas Island.

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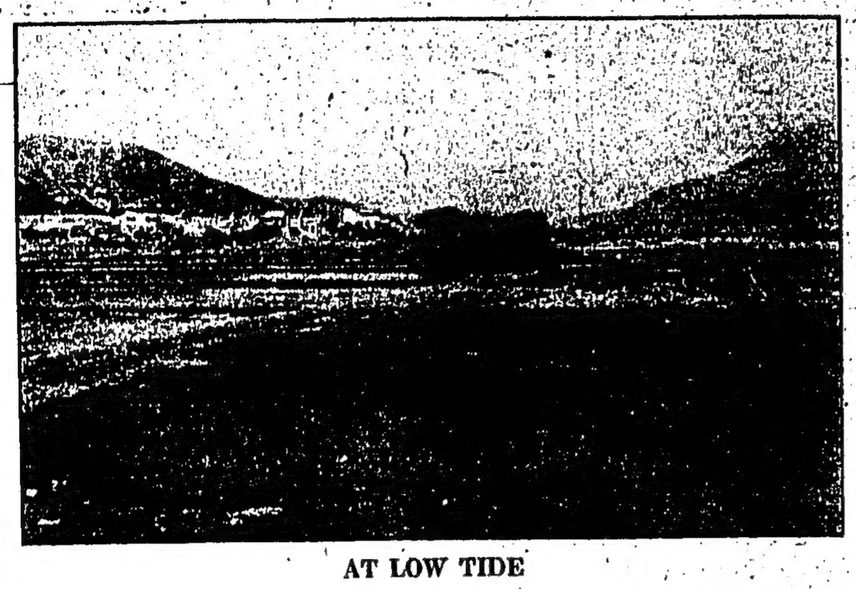
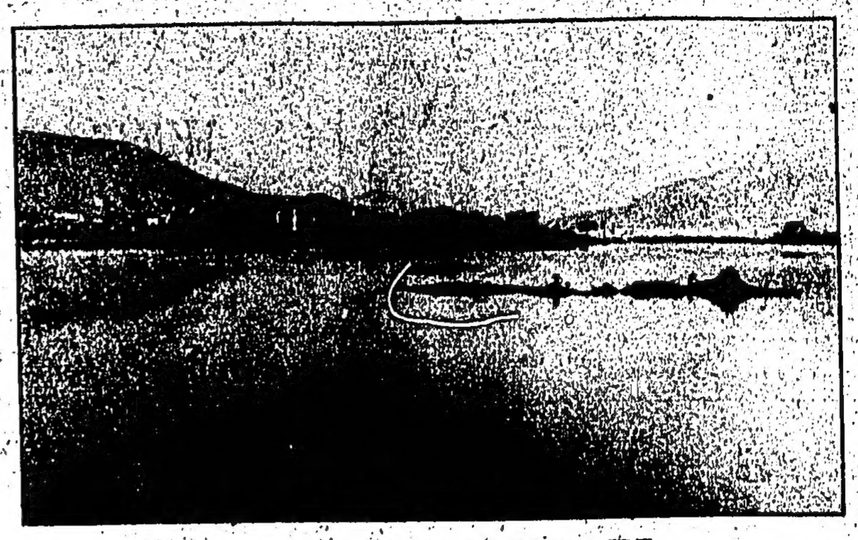
Floods Cover Shatin Rice Fields



AT LOW TIDE



THE SAME SCENE AT HIGH TIDE

The Sea Rolls In Through A Breach In The Bund

Would you believe that in this dry, sunny weather there is extensive flooding in one part of the Colony every day?

No? Then take a look at these pictures. They were taken by our staff photographer at Shatin yesterday a step from the motor road and a little way from the Market and the residential area.

The area flooded was once green rice-fields. The water which covers them rolls in from the sea at high tide every day.

And the water rolls in through a breach in a bund which the Government describes as "very important" but which has not been repaired since waves stirred up by Typhoon Ida made a hole in it in August.

The Government's description of the bund is contained in its Quarterly Report on the Territories published on October 13 and which, in part says:

NO REPLY

"Typhoon Ida, coinciding with exceptionally high tides at the end of August, caused serious flooding of paddy lands exposed to the east wind. . . The worst hit area was Shatin, where many acres were flooded following the breaching of an important bund."

The day after the publication of this a correspondent signing himself "Tardy" asked the authorities whether they knew the bund was still breached and that extensive flooding still occurred at high tide daily.

To this query there was no Government reply.

Our reporter went to Shatin to investigate. This is what he reports:

KNEE-HIGH

"Rice-fields? I never saw any, at first. I saw only water. It was knee-high. I know because I took off my shoes, rolled up my pants and stepped in. And I am pretty tall. The only dry thing I saw was an airstrip.

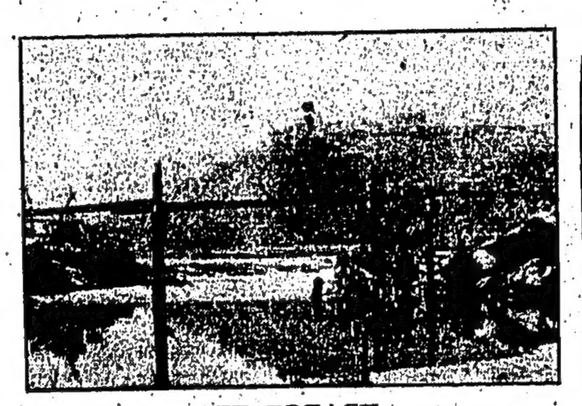
"I waited until the water went back into the sea. Then I saw the rice-fields. It was a sorry sight. If land could mourn, this land was mourning—the green that had died. Silt from the sea is beginning to settle and out of it stick stubble that was once sturdy, green shoots. They will be drowned again at the next high tide."

The correspondent "Tardy" also complained that the sea wall adjoining the bund was inadequate and that the residents in the area were threatened with flooding every time there was a storm.

REFRIGERATOR AFLOAT

Of this our reporter writes: "Part of the sea wall is of stone. The section closer to the bund, however, is a low sand-bank. There is a hole. Through this the sea comes in when storm winds make it angry. When this happens, streets are flooded and residents flee with their children because the threat is there.

"A restaurant owner, near the main street well away from the bund, told me: 'One year, the flood was so bad that even our refrigerator floated about'. He swears this is no exaggeration."



THE BREACH

Radio Hongkong

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6, Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.03, Children's Half Hour presented by Sally Ann (Studio); 6.30, Mantovani and his Orchestra; 6.45, "Box 200" Bert Gillett at the Organ (OB); 7, Edmundo Ros and his Orchestra, a Programme of Latin American Music (BBCTS); 7.30, The Cambridge—University Footlights—"Take the Mike" from the B.B.C. for thirty diversified minutes. Script by Leslie Bricusse and Frederick Raphael. Produced by Roy Speer (Recorded London Relay); 7.50, Weather Report; 8, Time Signal and World News (London Relay); 8.10, News Talk (London Relay) or Special Announcements; 8.15, Poet Tragedy—Geoffrey Thornley at the Piano (Concert Hall); 8.30, A History of British Music—Written and narrated by Alec Robertson. Music selected by Denis Stevens. "The Jacobean Era" (BBCTS); 9, Time Signal, Announcements; 9.05, The Art of Public Speaking: Humphrey Lyttelton (Recorded London Relay); 9.30, Off the Beaten Track—presented by Timothy Street (Studio); 10, Uptown Serenade (10.15, Tony Martin here—Dick Haymes and Jimmy Edwards [illegible]

'Go Native' Order To RAF Officers

Bonn, Oct. 25.

Eight R.A.F. officers, led by a squadron leader, are tonight under strict orders to "go native—but don't duel" in Western Germany.

The eight have just been detached from their units to work for one year at Bonn University and become interpreters.

Here is what they are supposed to do under their "go-native" orders: Study the German language—in fact, don't speak as much as a single word of English if possible, not even with your English tutors.

Live as lodgers with German families.

Wear civilian clothes.

Do no normal R.A.F. duties whatever during the 12 months.

NORMAL PAY

The eight officers will receive normal R.A.F. pay—plus all expenses—during the year. Pay parades and getting medical care will be their only links with the service.

The "don't duel" part of the eight officers' orders refers to the ancient tradition of student duelling at German universities.

This had been banned by the Allies in 1945 but earlier this year Chancellor Adenauer's Government [illegible]

Rickshaw Coolie Charged With Intent To Murder

A rickshaw coolie who was alleged to have promised a fellow worker a place in the Pokfulum cemetery, stood trial before Mr Justice C. W. Reece at the Criminal Sessions this morning, charged with wounding with intent to murder.

The accused, Lam Hop, alias Lam Sang-fau, 27, denied the charge as well as an alternative one of wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm. He pleaded self-defence.

The Crown case, according to Mr D.N.E. Rea, Crown Counsel, was that both the accused and his victim, Lam Chor, lived in the same dormitory of coolie quarters at 18 Luen Fat Street, Wanchai.

On August 6 Lam Chor went to sleep at 11 a.m., but was awakened at 1 p.m. by pain. He found the accused stabbling him. The accused was armed in both hands, a pair of scissors in one and a knife in the other.

Lam Chor got up from his bunk and tried to escape.

The accused pursued him, stabbing him in the back. "There is a place for you in Pokfulum," the accused told Lam Chor.

LARGE CEMETERY

Crown Counsel explained that there was a large cemetery in Pokfulum.

He continued that the attack was witnessed by several other rickshaw coolies living there. Lam Chor eventually collapsed. The accused then telephoned the Police and was heard to report that he had killed a man.

There was further evidence that the two men were not on good terms, Mr Rea added.

He contended that it was significant in respect of the main charge that Lam Chor was asleep when attacked, that the accused chased him and told him there was a place in the cemetery for him and that the accused thought he had killed a man.

Dr H. K. Li, of Queen Mary Hospital, testified that Lam Chor had 16 stab wounds on his face, arm and body. However there was no profuse bleeding and his condition was perfectly good two days later. The wounds had completely healed when he was discharged on August 16.

Dr Li agreed that the wounds could have been caused by the scissors and knife.

Lam Chor, cross-examined by the accused, denied that he struck the accused that day while he was on the way to the kitchen. He declared that the accused said. "If I do not kill you, others will."

The trial is proceeding.

Decree Nisi Granted

A decree nisi, to be made absolute in three months, was granted to William Leslie Ayres, of 58 Lockhart Road, in a petition for dissolution of his marriage to his wife Yim Ling Ayres before Mr Justice [illegible] in the Divorce Court [illegible] Thursday. The [illegible]

MAN ON TRIAL FOR ALLEGED CHOPPER ATTACK

Lau Kau, 34, bricklayer, was today charged with wounding his friend Kwan Lei-fan, 21, with intent to murder and alternatively with wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm when his trial opened before Mr Justice J. Reynolds at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The incident was alleged to have taken place at the Mee Sze Teahouse, 81 Argyle Street, Mongkok on May 11.

Accused pleaded not guilty to both counts and a Jury of four men and three women was empanelled.

Mr J. W. D. Hobley, Crown Counsel, prosecuting, said the accused and complainant had known each other for five years and in recent months had worked together.

About two or three days before the incident, accused mentioned to complainant that there was a man who was going to beat him up or was attempting to do so. Accused further alleged that complainant knew something about this but was doing nothing about stopping it.

HAD A CHOPPER

About 7 p.m. on May 11, accused and complainant went together to a teahouse in Argyle Street. While having tea, accused again raised the matter of the threatened attack. They prepared to leave the teahouse about 9.20 p.m. and while complainant was at the counter paying the bill he suddenly noticed the accused standing behind him, with a chopper in his hand.

Accused then allegedly struck complainant a blow on the left side of the face and hit him again in the middle of the back. The complainant raised his arms to protect himself and was struck again by accused on the left elbow.

Following upon this, accused dropped the chopper and ran out of the teahouse but was pursued and caught by a policeman on duty in the vicinity. When taken back to confront the complainant, accused allegedly made certain remarks, the purport of which, Crown Counsel declared, was that he intended to kill complainant.

Au Sau-man, medical officer of Kowloon Hospital, treated the complainant who was suffering from three incised wounds. One of the wounds, he said, was three and a half inches long and a quarter of an inch deep. It had severed an artery and the complainant was bleeding profusely. Complainant was allowed to go home after treatment and when he returned the following day for an X-ray it was found there were no bones broken.

The trial is proceeding.

French Plans For Ratification Of Agreements

Paris, Oct. 24.

The French Premier M. Pierre Mendes-France, in a nation-wide broadcast today, announced he would submit the agreements on West Germany to the French National Assembly for ratification soon.

Informed sources said last night, following the signing of the agreements freeing and re-arming West Germany, that M. Mendes-France planned to ask the Assembly late next month to set December 10 or 12 for the opening of the ratification debate.

In his weekly "fireside chat" the 47-year-old premier also reported on the agreement reached between France and Germany on the future of the Saar.

The final agreement on the Saar was not easily reached, he said, but the conclusion of the second pillar of [illegible] and tiring negotiations which has [illegible]

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

AMBITION

ARTHUR had been working 18 months as a driver for the furnishing firm, when they offered him promotion. They had been impressed by his willingness and his reliability, his manner, his keenness.

"How would you like to become a salesman-collector?" they asked him.

"Why, I'd like that fine," Arthur said.

He felt immensely proud, that at last he was on his way up in the world. Ambition soared within him.

He was taught the new job and took it easily. Mostly, it consisted of visiting customers, collecting instalments on furniture bought under hire purchase agreements, and making sales suggestions when opportunity offered.

PERSUASION

ARTHUR had not been at it long before he knocked on his manager's door with an idea for doing the job more efficiently. "If I was to have a car," he said, "I'd be able to get through twice as much work in a day."

"Sorry," the manager said, "Out of the question."

"I'm not asking you to buy me a car," Arthur said. "I just want you to advance me the money to pay the deposit on one. I'll pay the instalments, and I'll pay you back what you advance me, out of my wages."

The powers of persuasion Arthur had been cultivating as a salesman, paid off. The firm advanced him £50, to be repaid at £2 a week.

ACTION

ARTHUR got his car, and a disastrous deal it proved to be. He had run it only a short time, when he had to put out £13 for new tyres; then £8 for putting the clutch to rights; and week by week smaller sums to cure the minor ailments that developed.

Arthur despaired of ever being able to keep up with the car, yet for some reason would not part with it. Instead, he began to steal from the money he collected and put what he stole towards the car's upkeep, and the double set of instalments he was paying on it.

One day, a Friday, he realised that, unless he took drastic action, his thefts must soon be discovered. That day, he pocketed all the money he took some £17—then rang up his firm, and said he was ill and would not be back at work until Monday.

REACTION

HE took the £17 to a grey-hound track, meaning to turn it into the £90-odd he had stolen. He lost the lot.

A few days later the police caught up with Arthur as he drifted around the East End, sick with misery and fear. He was brought to the Thames court, and there pleaded guilty to three charges of embezzlement, and asked that 32 other cases be taken into consideration.

The police told the magistrate, Mr Leo Gradwell, that once before, 13 years ago, Arthur had stolen from the place where he worked. He had been bound over then.

"Can I speak?" Arthur asked.

"Of course," said the magistrate.

SUGGESTION

"IT'S only I was going to suggest that if I was given my old job as a driver back, I could pay back all this that I've taken out of my wages. . . ." he said. There was not much hope in his voice.

"Unfortunately," said the magistrate, "this is the second time you've stolen from your employers. You must go to prison for three months."

Arthur drew a sharp breath, and closed his eyes, and they showed him out to the cell to which ambition had led him.

Mail Notices

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